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Breakthrough with Syria seen possible next month

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erusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The present impasse between Is- ..el and Syria may be broken during ..ext month and negotiations may ..gin on disengagement of forces in ..e north. This is the hopeful prog- ..osis of well-placed sources in Jeru- ..lem.

The sources attribute their op- ..mism to U.S. Secretary Henry ..issinger. His assessment, after his ..sit to Damascus on January 22, ..as that President Assad was in- ..rested in disengagement and ..ould, in time, comply with Israel's ..recondition concerning the PoWs, ..oderate his own conditions on the ..ibstance of disengagement, and ..vercome internal and external op- ..osition to Syria's negotiating with ..rael.

The U.S. Secretary believes that ..yria cannot for long countenance ..e Israel presence so close to ..amascus. By negotiating a dis- ..ngagement, President Assad would ..lleviate this problem. He would ..lso set at rest his own fears that ..gypt might go ahead without ..yria towards bigger and more ..ignificant settlements with Israel.

Israel meanwhile is remaining ..olidly entrenched in its position ..hat no negotiation, nor even an ..ndirect exchange of ideas through .. third party, can proceed as long ..s Syria fails to produce a list of ..he PoW's and allows the Red Cross ..ccess to them.

From both the military and the ..olitical viewpoint, Israel is well ..laced in the north and able to ..aintain its firm posture on the ..oW question, the sources explain- ..d. The tension and pressures that ..ffected the southern front before ..isengagement are much less of a ..roblem in the north.

The sources anticipate that the Is- raeli PoW demand will eventually be met once Syria decides to con- template a disengagement of the proportions that Israel has in mind.

At present, Syria is speaking in terms of an Israel withdrawal to the pre-1967 border as part of a disengagement. As far as Israel is concerned, this demand is outland- ish, and a disengagement would have to be effected within the area taken last October. (Though the Is- rael Cabinet has not yet devised detailed disengagement plans, the general outline is already apparent.)

Once the Syrians reach a willing- ness to lower their sights and think in terms of this more modest dis- engagement — which sources here point out would be very much in their military favour — they would quickly solve the PoW obstacle, al- lowing Dr. Kissinger to present to them a basic Israel plan, just as he presented to Egypt Defence Min- ister Dayan's disengagement plan which was the basis of subsequent negotiations.

Dr. Kissinger has indicated that he would prefer to begin with an Israel plan, that would hopefully be a reasonable basis for discussion, than a Syrian plan which Jerusalem would probably reject out of hand.

CAIRO KEEPS ITS WORD

Meanwhile, the disengagement in the south is proceeding in meticu- lous adherence to the letter of the agreements, the sources said. Egypt is clearly intent on providing no grounds whatever for any Israel claim that its word is not trust- worthy.

The sources said they envisaged a resumption of the Geneva con- ference some time in the spring (assuming progress has been made by then on Israel-Syria disengage- ment). By then disengagement with Egyptian forces would have been accomplished and it would have be- come apparent whether President Sadat in fact intends to restore the Suez Canal to service and rehabili- tate civilian life in the Canal-side cities — moves which Israel would consider important evidence of Egypt's peaceable intentions.

The sources said that, when the conference does resume, Israel will be on its guard to ensure that it does not become merely a "with- drawal conference," as the Arab states hope, on the "salami prin- ciple" of progressive "disengage- ments." Israel would press for the early negotiation of the crucial "nature of the peace" — the kind of relations that the protagonists will maintain after a full settlement.

TALK WITH JORDAN

The question of negotiations with Jordan on some kind of preliminary steps to peace would certainly come up when the Gentva conference re- sumes, the sources said. They de- nied once again, most firmly, that there were secret talks between ministers or officers of Israel and Jordan at the present time. (Re- ports of such talks have appeared abroad.)

They stressed that the notion of disengagement as such was inapplic- able, in Israel's view, to the Jordan- ian front, since all Israel's leaders were united in their insistence that the Israel Army must remain on the Jordan River.

There was room, however, for discussions with Jordan on other question preliminary to a peace settlement, and Israel must be pre- pared by the spring to suggest such talking points — and have something to say about them.

Cairo, Damascus to discuss Kissinger's 'ideas' for Golan

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Egypt and Syria are expected to ..old extensive consultations over the ..eekend on the question of disen- ..agement on the Golan front.

These consultations will follow ..hat was described as "..r..n ..deas" which Dr. Kissinger has com- ..unicated to both Egypt and Syria ..n the light of Israel's latest views ..xpressed at last Sunday's Cabinet ..eeting.

The rationale for the Egyptian ..nd Syrian consultations is that ..airo and Damascus were involved ..n the last October war under joint ..ilitary command. The cooperation ..etween the two countries is being ..urther stepped up in view of ..gypt's emphasis that it would not ..o to the second stage of the Ge- ..eva Middle East peace conference ..nless a disengagement on the Sy- ..ian front is achieved.

Cairo's semi-official "Al-Ahram" ..ewspaper yesterday said that Kis- singer's latest "ideas" on an Israel- Syrian disengagement, have been conveyed to Egyptian Foreign Mi- nister Ismail Fahmy. The same ideas were believed to have also been communicated to Damascus, with which Dr. Kissinger has been in .ouch ever since his latest Middle East swing, which was climaxed by the January 18 disengagement agreement between Egypt and Is- rael.

A U.N. spokesman in Cairo was yesterday quoted as saying that the disengagement agreement was being carried out in accordance with plans. But he indicated that the U.N.-controlled buffer zone now separating the Egyptians and the Israelis south of the Suez-Cairo highway was not expected to move north before next week, depending on the progress of the second stage in the separation of forces.

Under the second stage, Egypt's Third Army would tomorrow begin thinning out its forces on the eastern bank of the Suez waterway. Some units of this army were yesterday reported to be already moving west- ward across the waterway into the city of Suez and its vicinity. The thinning out of the Third Army is expected to be coupled with similar measures by the Second Army in the northern sector of the Canal's eastern bank. The thinning out of Egyptian forces east of the Canal would be parallel to Israel's com- plete evacuation of the western bank by February 21, and its subsequent withdrawal by March 5 to a line 20 kilometres east of the Canal, with a U.N. controlled buffer zone separating the Israeli and Egyptian forces.

Monday's "liberation" of Suez Town and the Third Army from its nearby enclave was still being cele- brated in Egypt. Cairo Radio yes- terday broadcast soundtracks from Suez where crowds were heard chanting "Suez, people and army" and "We offer our souls and blood to you, Sadat."

The second Exodus — this week's departure of Israeli troops from Egypt — is shown in this and six other exclusive photographs by DAVID RUBINGER, and described by Military Correspondent, ZE'EV SCHUL.

The risks in the Disengagement of Forces Agreement — Prof. YORAM DINSTEIN offers a rigorous analysis of major aspects of the agreement.

Unless present trends are reversed soon, the Arab oil producing countries will dominate the world capital market in a decade — the Governor of the Bank of Israel talks to DAVID KRIVINE.

Haifa's new mayor, Yosef Almogi, tells YA'ACOV ARDON of his plans for a New Deal for his home town.

The Book Section reviews include an examination by HERTZEL FISHMAN of Israel's civic ethos, and two studies of German spymaster, General Gehlen.

And all the usual features.

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Meir: We won't stay in Syria

"We do not intended to remain in the areas we took in Syria during the Yom Kippur War, and we want an agreement with Syria on the separation of forces. But we will not open negotiations unless the Syrian Government observes the Geneva Convention and submits to us the list of our prisoners of war in Syrian hands, and permits those prisoners to be visited by repres- entatives of the Red Cross," Prime Minister Golda Meir said yesterday. She was addressing the closing session of the Jewish Agen- cy's Board of Governors, meeting in Jerusalem under the chairmanship of Max Fisher.

"We assume that Dr. Kissinger and the Soviet Government have asked the Syrians to let us have the list of prisoners, but none of the appeals made so far has borne fruit," the Prime Minister said. She noted that she frequently met the prisoners' families, and said this was an issue causing anguish to scores of families and indeed to the entire people, who were concerned with the fate of Israel's prisoners. Al- though Israel was holding some 350 Syrian prisoners, President Assad did not appear to be concerned about their fate.

Mrs. Meir said Israel would not conduct any negotiations with the Palestinian terrorist organizations, nor would it agree to their parti- cipation in the Geneva conference. Their leaders had made it abund- antly clear that they were not in- terested in territorial questions, striving only for the expulsion of all Jews from the country and the liquidation of the State of Israel.

The Prime Minister stated that Unef officers belonging to the mili- tary forces of countries which did not maintain diplomatic relations with Israel would not be permitted to visit its territories.

The Ba'th, too, has its birds

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Syrian leaders are still agoniz- ing over the issue of disengage- ment of their forces with Israel, especially with regard to the U.S. plea for releasing the names of Israel PoWs — Israel's pre- condition for negotiations with Damascus.

This was reported yesterday by Beirut's French language news- paper, "L'Orient Le Jour," which said the 14-member regional leadership of Syria's ruling Ba'th Party was divided into "doves and hawks" over the issue. The paper said opinions were almost evenly divided.

The paper said the "doves" would probably win out, with an ensuing cabinet reshuffle. They are reportedly supporting a com- promise according to which Israel would first withdraw from Syrian territory captured during the Oc- tober war. The Golan Heights would then be divided, with Is- rael retaining the heights domi- nating Lake Kinneret.

There was no reaction to this report yesterday from Damascus.

Shells from Syria

TEL AVIV. — A few mortar shells fell on Israel positions in the Um Butne area of the Golan Heights bulge at 3.30 yesterday afternoon. There were no casualties and the fire was not returned, the Army spokesman said.

In a letter to the U.N. Secretary- General yesterday, Israel charged Syria with violating the cease-fire 16 times between January 26 and 28. It said the attacks were "a deliberate policy of the Syrian Government."

French continue M.E. circuit, ignore Nixon bid for joint action

PARIS (UPI). — The Government yesterday instructed Foreign Min- ister Michel Jobert to make another trip to the Arab Middle East and again ignored Washington's invita- tion to a Western oil policy co- ordination conference on February 11.

After a three and a half hour Cabinet meeting, Information Min- ister Jean-Philippe Lecat said Presi- dent Nixon's invitation to the con- ference of oil-consumer nations was not discussed. "No decision has been made on this issue yet," he said.

Lecat said the Cabinet, under President Georges Pompidou, decided that Jobert, who returned on Tues- day night from visits to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Syria, would go to Iraq in the next few days.

Jobert scheduled his new trip to the Middle East despite objections to bilateral deals not only in Wash- ington but in West Germany, France's largest trading partner. Cabinet ministers in Bonn have openly condemned the French-led race for bilateral deals.

Lecat said Jobert had laid a concrete basis for France's econo- mic and technological penetration of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait which, he said, were hitherto an exclusive preserve of the "Anglo-Saxons" — meaning Britain and the U.S. Lecat said Jobert will go back to Saudi Arabia in the near future and that the two countries will discuss major business deals in detail through frequent visits of ministers and businessmen and in a special bilateral economic commission.

Jack Maurice adds:

Jobert may meet representatives of the Palestinian movement during his coming trip to Iraq, political ob- servers said here yesterday. The observers were commenting on a particularly ambiguous remark made by Jobert on his return from Damascus.

Questioned on whether he had investigated the subject during his tour, M. Jobert replied: "A Minister like myself must keep himself in- formed. I was not able to study the problem this time but I will inform myself more on the next journey."

Observers of the political scene, said Jobert would probably later try to balance the meeting, with the official announcement that he would visit Israel.

Questioned on whether the Israel visit, which has been in the air for some time, had indeed been finalised, Lecat told newsmen yes- terday that it was not broached at the weekly Cabinet meeting.

(Jobert on PoW's — Page 5)

Hussein in London, from Rumania

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — King Hussein arrived here on Wednesday from Rumania, where he had meetings with Presi- dent Ceausescu.

Although his London visit is pri- vate, the Jordanian monarch will be undertaking one official engage- ment — a lunch given by Premier Edward Heath on Sunday at his country residence.

The Rumanian news agency, Ager- press, reported yesterday that Hus- sein, at a state banquet in Bu- charest on Tuesday, said that "the sons of Palestine must be given the definite, total right of deciding their fate by themselves, in definite and total freedom."

President Ceausescu, in his toast, welcomed the agreement on mili- tary disengagement between Egypt and Israel, and said he hoped Jor- dan and Syria will join in a simi- lar agreement.

Ceausescu reiterated Rumania's stand that Israel troops should with- draw from occupied Arab territories and that "the Palestine people" should be given their rights in ac- cordance with their aspirations.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

President Nixon last night rejected a court order to testify in the "plumbers" burglary trial but left open the possibility that he might submit a written deposition if requested.

(Earlier report — page 4)

Twelve policemen were injured (two hospitalized) in riots started after a Black Panther demonstration against price rises in Tel Aviv's Hatikva Quarter last night. The home of Likud M.K. Menahem Yedid was stoned and police cars, a bus and private cars were damaged.

Meir hopes to form Cabinet within 21 days

The President and Mrs. Meir discuss the problems of forming a Cabinet at yesterday's meeting. (Ippa)

'We may be on the road to peace'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Premier Golda Meir said yester- day that now — perhaps for the first time since 1948 — one could say that, "with a bit of daring, we may be at the beginning of the road to peace." She was speaking at the President's Residence in Je- rusalem, having just been formally entrusted by President Katzir with the task of forming a new govern- ment.

Mrs. Meir warned, though, that Israel must remain able to defend itself "in case, God forbid, things turn out differently."

Professor Katzir said that, by law, Mrs. Meir has 21 days in which to fulfil her task, with a further 21 days in case of failure. He hoped, however, that she would not have to ask for the second period, though he acknowledged that the task would be "most diffi- cult."

Mrs. Meir, looking fit and well in a black two-piece suit and black and white blouse, said she hoped she would not even need the full initial 21-day period. She would, in any event, do all in her power to ensure that not too much time passes before a Cabinet is formed.

All the potential coalition parties realize their heavy responsibility, she asserted. "I hope," she con- tinued, turning to the President, "to be able to present to you within a short time a Cabinet that will have the confidence of the Knesset. It is a vital necessity for us all..."

As for herself, she knew what a heavy burden the Prime Minister's job was. "Although I am getting younger each year, I would have been much happier had I not had to continue in this post. But I ac- cept the President's invitation with a feeling of grave responsibility."

President Katzir had consulted over the past fortnight with repre- sentatives of all the Knesset fac- tions, as the law requires, before asking Mrs. Meir, as leader of the largest one, to form a government.

The general election on De- cember 31 returned the Labour- Mapam Alignment as the largest grouping, with 51 seats in the 120-seat House. The main opposi- tion bloc, Likud, has 39. The Alignment is now endeavouring to re-establish it outgoing coali- tion with the National Religious Party (10 seats) and ILP (four). There are three Members from Arab lists that support the Align- ment.

Sapir busy with informal parleying

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir has made progress in informal coalition negotiations with the leaders of the religious parties, according to Alignment sources. They reported [illegible] that Mr. Sapir had been [illegible] the National Religious Party['s] Yitzhak Raphael and the Aguda['s] Avraham Werdiger and Menahem [illegible] outside of the official negotiat[ions].

The religious factions are under- stood to be considering with interest the compromise formula on the "Who's a Jew" question put forward by the new Alignment M.K. Rabbi Menahem Hacohen. This would leave the decision on the issue to the rabbinical courts, with present legislation left unamended.

Meanwhile, Interior Minister Yo- sef Burg is pressing fo greater NRP influence over broadcasting. He wants to abolish Sabbath morning TV, claiming it is a breach of the religious *status quo*. Dr. Burg is also reported to be pressing for NRP appointees inside the broad- casting service, especially in its newsroom. He says the fact that religious politicians do not figure in the major weekend radio and TV programmes is "discrimination against orthodox Jewry."

Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadlin yesterday said the Alignment believed it had a number of reasonable coalition options. He said the party would do everything possible to ensure that the next elections would not be held before they are due in 1977.

The Mapam Political Committee yesterday declared that the party opposed any change in the religious *status quo*. Mapam would also not put up with any coalition partner being given special rights in votes on matters of conscience and religion, it resolved.

The Independent Liberals and the Civil Rights Movement yesterday failed to decide whether to form a joint parliamentary bloc and resolved to decide one way or the other on Friday. The main stumbling bloc is the CRM demand that the coalition agreement allow all coalition MKs to vote as they see fit on all re- ligious matters, issues of personal statute and women's rights. The ILP is pressing the CRM to give in on this point, as neither the Alignment nor the NRP would agree.

In an address to the Jewish Agency Board of Governors in Je- rusalem yesterday, Mrs. Meir said she would not acceed to the (NRP) demand to amend the Law of Re- turn so that it stipulate that con- version to Judaism be recognised only if carried out according to *halacha*.

The demand voiced by the reli- gious parties was apt to split the entire people, in Israel as well as throughout the world, at a time when the maintenance of national unity was imperative, Mrs. Meir said.

She noted that, at the time, she had opposed the "Hausner bill" which would have granted the op- tion of civil marriage to disquali- fied couples, stressing her convic- tion that nothing must be done to endanger national unity.

The Prime Minister expressed the hope that a resolution would be found enabling her to form a new government with the existing coali- tion parties.

Ben-Aharon — Eliav revolt 'could harm negotiations'

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Labour Party Secre- tary-General Aharon Yadlin yester- day vigorously condemned Tuesday's vote by party members Yitzhak Ben-Aharon and Arye (Lova) Eliav against the supplementary budget. Replying to reporters' questions, he said the two men's action was "un- usually grave."

Mr. Yadlin considered their vot- ing with the opposition "quite un- acceptable." It was, furthermore, "a most unfriendly act towards Finance Minister Sapir who bears an intolerable burden in running the economy... I do not imagine that such actions will be repeated."

Mr. Yadlin voiced the fear that their revolt could well influence the coalition negotiations. It put into question the viability of a narrow coalition based on 61 votes, "al- though they themselves are for it."

Asher Wallfish reports from the Knesset:

Chief Alignment and Coalition Whip Moshe Baram told his faction caucus on Tuesday night that the revolt was a grave affair, which would not be glossed over.

However, circles in the Alignment not sympathetic to Ben-Aharon and Eliav said the inquest would prob- ably be postponed so as to avoid forcing a crisis, "in the way we do things in our party." The same circles predicted that the two MKs would seize other opportunities to vaunt their displeasure at Govern- ment policies, "if they "got away with it this time."

The possibility was not ruled out that either one or both of the two rebels would break away before the term of the Knesset expired, and become independent.

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Faulted

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Telephone service "16" for re- porting faults may not answer but it does exist.

A *Post* reader, who wished to remain anonymous because he had been sworn to secrecy, told this reporter that in the wake of his military service during the Yom Kippur War he learnt the exact location in Jerusalem of "16," which is kept a strict sec- ret, so that subscribers do not bother the officials in person.

The anonymous reader, after trying to report for two days to "16" that his phone did not work, decided he had no choice but to go around and see why he could never get a ringing tone from "16" but only the busy signal.

He went into the building adopt- ing an innocent air and after chatting to employees whom he knew, asked them to show him the "16" section.

There was nobody there. He asked why. He was told that the only operator to man the sec- tion had slipped out for a while because he was fed up.

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Meir Margalit dies at 68

TEL AVIV. — Veteran actor Meir Margalit died yesterday of a heart attack only hours after walking into Beilinson Hospital complaining of chest pains. He was 68.

The body will lie in state from 1 p.m. tomorrow in the Ohel Hall at Beit Arlosoroff. At 11 o'clock the funeral will leave for the Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

A native of Poland, Margalit came to this country at 16. After working as a farm labourer, he joined the budding Ohel theatre, and remained its star performer until it closed two years ago. He played more than a hundred different roles and won many prizes, including the Israel Prize (1964).

His wife Yisraela, née Lichtenstein, is a niece of Israel's first President, Chaim Weizmann. *(Itim)*

Social and Personal

The President, Prof. Ephraim Katzir, Prime Minister Golda Meir, Foreign Minister Abba Eban and U.S. Ambassador Kenneth Keating, attended last night's recital by Yehudi and Jeremy Menuhin at Binyanei Ha'ooma, Jerusalem. Mr. and Mrs. Abba Eban gave a reception at their residence after the performance.

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Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu met yesterday with a group of South American Friends of the Histadrut on a study mission to Israel.

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U.S. Ambassador Kenneth Keating called on Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren Tuesday.

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Canadian Ambassador and Mrs. Paul Malone yesterday visited the Technion and Haifa University.

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Paul Zuckerman, General Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, hosted a cocktail party yesterday, at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv, for the 35 members of the UJA Anglo-Jewish Press Mission, who are in Israel for ten days.

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Larry Kramer, Suzy Russek-Osherov and Zorica, will read their poems, in English, at the Atelier Reggie Weston, 260 Rehov Hayarkon, at 9 p.m. today.

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BIRTH

FAKTOR — To Barbara and Jossy, a son, at Tel Hashomer Hospital. Brother to Gideon, Ilan and Michal.

ARRIVALS

Dr. Simon Frisner and Mieczyslaw Scherer, chairman and vice-chairman respectively of the Jewish ex-Servicemen Association in Britain, on a mission of solidarity with Israel servicemen.

Dr. and Mrs. George S. Wise, Chancellor of Tel Aviv University, for the sixth annual meeting of the Board of Governors.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy with local showers.

Weather synopsis: A weak upper trough extending from Russia to the East Mediterranean is moving slowly eastwards.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	74	5—10	5—9
Golan	67	—7	5—6
Nahariya	45	9—13	8—17
Safad	86	3—9	3—7
Haifa Port	51	11—17	8—16
Tiberias	46	8—19	7—18
Nazareth	39	6—17	6—16
Afula	43	5—17	5—16
Shomron	46	6—13	6—12
Tel Aviv	63	8—16	8—16
D-B-G-Airp.	69	6—17	6—16
Jericho	51	8—19	7—18
Gaza	39	9—16	8—15
Beersheba	61	6—14	6—13
Eilat	45	10—17	8—16
Tiran Straits	54	7—18	6—18

KFAR HABAD WILL BEGIN its 25th anniversary celebrations this Saturday. The date coincides with the 24th anniversary of the death of the old Lubavitcher Rebbe and the election of the present Rebbe.

ALMOGI INSTALLED AS HAIFA MAYOR

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Labour Minister Yosef Almogi last night became the first mayor installed in office since the elections. The new Haifa City Council voted him in at its first meeting, 19 to 6.

Voting for him were the 15 Alignment Councillors, two NRP and the one representative each of the Aguda and Independent Liberals. The six Likud Councillors opposed.

But their faction leader, Dr. Yona Engel, announced that their vote had not been a personal expression but a political act. They did not believe that the seventh Labour Alignment mayor would carry out his promises any more than his predecessors.

The veteran Liberal Councillor, Dr. Gideon Kaminka, voted for Mr. Almogi although he has not yet rejoined the coalition pending clarification of administration aims.

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Almogi said he was both deeply moved and anxious whether he could fulfil the hopes and expectations so many residents had put in him. He promised that though he would be the representative of the Alignment, he would be "the Mayor of all residents, regardless of religion or political opinion."

He would also try to let the Likud Councillors take part in the city management in order to better advance the development and prosperity of the city.

He said he would concentrate his efforts to exploit the natural advantages of the city, its reservoir of technology and natural beauty, in order to establish sophisticated industries that the whole country urgently needed.

He would also emphasize the improvement of the quality of the environment and of life, and hoped

Yosef Almogi

to strengthen the traditionally excellent relations with the Arab residents of Haifa and the Galilee. The election of the first Arab Councillor since 1948 (on the Alignment ticket) was an earnest of this intention, he said.

In an interview with *The Post*, Mr. Almogi said that the Yom Kippur War had in fact strengthened his determination to carry out his election platform, drawn up before the war. "The war has shown us that we must be more serious, but seriousness certainly does not mean gloom," he stressed. His recent trips abroad had convinced him that it would be possible to raise investment funds for these schemes.

Mr. Almogi said that, until the new Government is established, he would have to divide his time between the City Council and the Labour Ministry. He would also keep his Knesset seat.

He would have only two deputies, both Alignment men. They are outgoing Mayor Yeruham Zeisel, with pay, and Mr. Zvi Barzilai, as titular deputy.

The festive meeting, held under the bright lights of TV crews in the crowded Council Chamber, was attended by religious leaders, Knesset Members, Haifa's honorary citizens, representatives of the City Hall employees, and relatives of the Councillors. The only grating note was sounded by the Aguda Councillor, M. Blumenthal, who called for the suspension of public transport on the Sabbath in Haifa. (In the morning he had signed the coalition agreement which provided for the continuation of the *status quo* on religious matters.)

The new Council includes two professors, two university lecturers, two doctors of law, two lawyers and an engineer.

Ben-Aharon calls on Mrs. Meir to reshuffle Cabinet

Former Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, describing Israel as the only democratic country in the world where the same parties have held particular Government ministries for a generation, called on Prime Minister Golda Meir last night to at least reshuffle the portfolios among the men who will continue to serve in her next Government.

In a letter addressed to "The Prime-Minister Designate," the rebellious Alignment Knesset Member said he had particularly in mind such vital ministries as Finance, Foreign Affairs, Defence, and Education (all of which are held by his own party). But the same held for the ministries — Interior, Religious Affairs and Welfare — which have become provinces of the Alignment's National Religious Party coalition partners.

Mr. Ben-Aharon said he was not recommending selective dismissals or speaking out of any factional spirit. "I myself have known what it means to be forced to resign through crafty plotting," he stressed. But it was necessary to do everything possible to keep such ministries from degenerating to the level of private property.

The proper thing would be to limit terms of office both in particular ministries and in the Government as well. As long as this principle was not accepted, rotation of offices among the men who continue to sit in the Cabinet would be all the more important.

'Oriental' bloc forms in Labour

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A potentially powerful group of leaders of the Oriental communities is coalescing in the Labour Party, *The Jerusalem Post* learns.

They derive from the pre-merger divisions of the party and seek greater representation for their communities at all levels of society.

Hundreds of invitations have been sent out to Labour Party keymen from Islamic countries in city councils, trade unions, the party organization and immigrant associations, to attend a country-wide rally a week on Saturday. It is scheduled to take place at the Labour Party college at Beit Berl.

The signatories on the invitations include Police Minister Shlomo Hillel, Knesset members Yitzhak Navon, Mordechai Ben-Porat, Shoshana Arbelli-Almoslino, Moshe Shahal, David Koren, Matilda Ghez, Eli Moyal, Nuzha Katzav, David Petel, and Mordechai Bibi.

It describes the meeting as "seeking to put into effect the Alignment election plank which commits the party to integrate men and women from Islamic countries in public life and representation at all levels of society." The initiative was a direct reaction to the veto imposed by Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadlin on an earlier meeting called immediately after the elections by Mr. Petel.

Rabbinate condemns Sabbath withdrawal

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Chief Rabbinate Council yesterday decried the desecration of the Sabbath involved in the continuation of troop movements during Saturday as part of the separation of forces agreement with Egypt.

Jewish religious law does not permit Sabbath work under the present circumstances, which do not involve danger to life, *pikuah nefesh*, the Council said.

Bat Yam NRP may yet swing to Alignment

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — National Religious Party headquarters have promised the Alignment to do their utmost to try once again to persuade the Bat Yam NRP branch to break its agreement with the Likud and back the Alignment's veteran mayor Menahem Rothschild.

They hope the rebel branch will toe the line by Friday, reporters were told at a press conference convened by the top Alignment Municipal affairs team yesterday.

The branch has so far withstood its headquarters' pressure to break with the Likud.

Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadlin rejected out of hand the charges that the Alignment sought to distort the voters' wish by "underhand de[illegible]" Mr. Yadlin and party municip[illegible] affairs head *Shraga Netzer de[illegible]ded the third* member of the Alli[illegible]ment municipal affairs team, Hol[illegible] Mayor Pinhas Eylon, chairman of the Union of Local Authorities. They claimed Mr. Eylon was trying to maintain stability in local government.

In Tel Aviv, they had accepted the principle that Shlomo Lahat become mayor because the Likud had the plurality (over 42 per cent). Why, he asked, should Rothschild with 45.7 per cent not be reinstated in Bat Yam, where the Likud had only 37.5 p.c. and the NRP 8.7 p.c.

In Ashdod, Zvi Zilker was re-elected Mayor yesterday by a vote of ten, made up of the nine Likud members and one Aguda member of the city council. The three Alignment and two NRP councillors abstained.

Three years for giving Lebanese information

NAZARETH. — A volunteer from the U.S. was sentenced to three-years' imprisonment for passing security information to Lebanon. The District Court on Tuesday also found David Albert Yohas, 31, of Boulder, Colorado, guilty of leaving the country illegally when he crossed the border into Lebanon on December 10. He gave Lebanese authorities details of fortifications at Kibbutz Misgav Am, where he worked.

The Lebanese returned him to Israel at Rosh Hanikra.

Yohas, who arrived in Israel in 1973, confessed to divulging the information because he "wanted to bring peace closer." *(Itim)*

SOCCER PREVIEW:

Full house expected to see champs clash

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A full house can be expected at the Bloomfield Stadium on Saturday for the clash between league leaders Tel Aviv Maccabi and last season's champions, Ramat Gan Hakoah.

Both teams were involved in goalless draws last Saturday, but while Tel Aviv Maccabi have produced some fine soccer this season, Hakoah have not found their touch of last year.

The Vicky Peretz and Dror Barnur spearhead has brought the Tel Avivians 16 goals compared to Hakoah's eight and the Maccabi defence has also been sounder. At their best, Hakoah's Sharabani and Farkas are goal-getters but, in current form, Tel Aviv Maccabi appear to have a clean edge on their own ground.

Third and fourth in the league, Haifa Hapoel and Kfar Saba Hapoel, meet in the Sharon town. The Haifa side has shown improved form in recent weeks, at the same time that Kfar Saba Hapoel's form has faded.

If the Sharon side could regain the pep that marked their early season football, I could not fancy a team to beat in Kfar Saba. But with Englender and Lowenthal in peak form, Haifa Hapoel look capable of splitting the points in one of the most interesting games on this week's card.

Second-placed Netanya Maccabi return home to have Petah Tikva Maccabi as visitors. The Netanya side have conceded only three goals in 10 games, and with a Petah Tikva Maccabi attack that has shown nowhere near the bite it produced last season, one cannot see a high score line after 90 minutes of this game. Machness, Saroussi and Shlomowitz may pack just enough power in attack to tip the scales for Netanya though this may not be an easy game for the home team.

Jerusalem Hapoel must surely throw everything in the effort to score their first win of the season. Hadera Hapoel are visitors to the Katamon stadium and while no walk-over for anyone, a near full strength Jerusalem team looks likely to win.

Jerusalem Betar travel to Jaffa. The Capital's team have shown very little form away from home and against a tough nut defence like that of Jaffa Maccabi are not likely to produce a scoring spree. At best Betar might hold the Jaffa side, though the odds look quite strongly in favour of Onana, Bloom and Kuenstlich getting the winning goal or two for Jaffa.

Several crucial clashes appear on the league "A" fixture list, with Tel Aviv Shimshon, relegated this season from the National League, playing at home against league leaders Safad Hapoel. Shimshon won last week in Kiryat Shmona and might upset the other Galilee team too. A surprise might also result in Netanya, where the local Betar are at home to Tiberias Hapoel.

Championship challenger Tirat Hacarmel Hapoel and Acre Hapoel clash in Tirat Hacarmel, and no result would come as a surprise there.

Only one person, a man frm Netanya, correctly marked all 13 results in last week's Sportoto football pool, to collect a cool IL214,000; 30 coupons had 12 correct results worth IL2,650. Sportoto income topped the IL1m. mark last week, with prize moneys paid out totalling IL428,000.

A minimum of IL400,000 will be paid out this week, Spototo announced.

Sportoto Guide:

Jerusalem Hapoel v Hadera Hapoel	1
Tel Aviv Hapoel v Bnei Yehuda	1
Beersheba Hapoel v Petah Tikva Hapoel	x
Kfar Saba Hapoel v Haifa Hapoel	x
Haifa Maccabi v Tel Aviv Betar	1
Tel Aviv Maccabi v Hakoah	1
Netanya Maccabi v Petah Tikva Maccabi	1
Jaffa Maccabi v Jerusalem Betar	1
Shimshon v Safad Hapoel	1
Netanya Betar v Tiberias Hapoel	1
Tirat Hacarmel Hapoel v Acre Hapoel	x
Ness Ziona v Dimona Hapoel	1
Lod Hapoel v Beit Shemesh Hapoel	1

SAPIR:

$500m. atomic power plant to be built

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The money raised by the Bond Drive will be invested in a vast chemical complex, non-ferrous metal production and in other sophisticated industries, according to Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir.

Speaking before Israel Bonds leaders at the Hilton Hotel last night, he said it had been decided to build an atomic-powered electric station costing $500m.

The Bonds conference has set a target of a billion dollars in sales during 1974.

Prices of processed foods raised

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The first officially sanctioned price rises for processed foods resulting from Sunday's cancellation of subsidies on basic commodities were announced last night. They include the following:

Chocolate bonbons — 15 to 17 per cent; sweets — 18-20 per cent; mayonnaise — 12.5 per cent; halwah — 10 per cent; cakes — 25 per cent; meals in restaurants — 20 per cent; jams and jellies — an additional 63 agorot for a 900 gram jar, and 23 agorot for a 300 gram jar; citrus fruit syrups — 18 per cent.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry also set the following maximum retail prices (per litre): Coca Cola, IL1.50-IL1.55; Schweppes, *IL1.30-IL1.35; other brands, IL1.20-*IL1.25.

The Ministry said the increase in restaurant prices was temporary, and subject to alteration in the next few days. In a day or two, the Ministry added, a detailed list of maximum prices for food items will be published, "to prevent misunderstandings regarding the official prices."

TALKS BEGIN ON TRAIN FARE HIKE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Railways management has started discussions with the Transport Ministry on raising train fares when the bus fares go up. The management wants to keep the fare lower than bus fares in the same proportion as now.

The number of train passengers is steadily increasing with the high cost of petrol, apparently leading car owners to go by train.

Cabinet secretary's post falling vacant

Jerusalem Post Reporter

With the coalition talks dragging, there has been no move yet towards appointing a new Cabinet secretary to succeed Michael Arnon.

Mr. Arnon, a former diplomat who served as Ambassador to Ghana, is resigning as Cabinet secretary — considered a civil service plum — to become director of Israel Bonds in the U.S. He will step down once a new Cabinet is sworn in.

Among the men tipped for the post are the Foreign Ministry's Ze'ev Shek, a former Ambassador to Austria and now one of Minister Eban's political advisers. He served as secretary to Moshe Sharett and Golda Meir when they were Foreign Ministers.

Mr. Shek says he has not requested the job but would accept it — if he were offered it, and if his Minister agreed to release him.

Another rumoured candidate is Gershon Avner, the director of the "Ombudsman's" department at the State Comptroller Office, and another former diplomat. He says he knows nothing of his "candidacy."

Another man who is being mentioned as a possible candidate is Meron Medzini, head of the Government Press Office in Jerusalem and spokesman of the Prime Minister's Office. Dr. Medzini told *The Jerusalem Post* that he was not even aware that his name had been mentioned.

Medzini is one of the Government's most successful press officers, and this would be a point in his favour if the new Cabinet secretary continues, as has been the case in the past, to fill the role of Cabinet spokesman too.

There has been some consideration, however, among the inter-party committees negotiating a coalition, of the establishment of a Department of Information with a minister at its head. In that case the minister appointed would assume the task of Cabinet spokesman, as is the practice in other countries.

The Prime Minister was on record before the elections as favouring the idea, but the ultimate decision will depend largely on the party composition of the new Cabinet and the number of portfolios shared out.

One candidate for the post of Minister of Information is said to be Yitzhak Rabin, former Chief of Staff and Ambassador to Washington.

Man killed by hit-run driver

ACRE. — Assis Ben Yisrael, 59, was hit by a car driven by Moshe Attias as he was crossing the main street in Hatzor. Thrown to the other side of the street, he was run over by a car coming from the opposite direction, whose driver did not stop after the accident.

Ben Yisrael was taken to the Safad Government Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Police set up road blocks to catch the hit-and-run driver. *(Itim)*

FLIGHT DELAYED BY BOMB HOAX

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — An Air France flight for Paris was delayed for an hour yesterday following a bomb scare.

Minutes before departure time an anonymous phone call caused security officials to order all 27 passengers off the plane while it underwent a thorough search. Nothing suspicious was found.

6 GOLAN DRUSE were arrested yesterday on suspicion of stealing IL100,000 worth of cattle from the territory taken from Syria during the war. Kiryat Shmona police say further arrests are expected.

Garbage piles up on a Tel Aviv sidewalk under a municipal sign warning that people dumping rubbish in the area will be prosecuted. (Freidin)

Agranat c'ttee takes up Gonen's complaints

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Agranat Committee on the Yom Kippur War announced yesterday that it had taken up part of a complaint by Aluf Shmuel Gonen against Aluf Ariel Sharon. The complaint was submitted in a letter to the Chief of Staff and was passed on to the Committee.

In a rare public statement, the Committee published its letter to the Chief of Staff acknowledging receipt of the complaint and undertaking to examine the part of it that pertained to the pre-"blocking period" of the war. (The Committee's terms of reference extend only to the end of the "blocking period" of the first week of the war.)

The Committee stressed, however, that it would not pass judgement on disputed questions of pure military sagacity. But it would deal with "problems of orders, obedience to orders, and reports on execution of orders."

The Committee told the Chief of Staff that it would take up the complaint in the regular course of its hearings and examination of material. It added that its taking up the issue did not preclude "other legal steps which the law may require."

The Jerusalem Post learns that Aluf Gonen's complaint against Aluf Sharon in fact comprised two sections — one dealing with events during the blocking stage and one with later events. The Chief of Staff is now considering what action he should take with regard to the second section.

Although it is normally possible to try a man before a court-martial within 180 days of his having left the army, Aluf Sharon is now a Knesset Member with immunity that would preclude his prosecution — even should the Chief of Staff decide there are grounds for it. (His immunity can be waived by a majority vote of the Knesset itself.)

Other options open to the Chief of Staff — if he decides that the complaint is well-grounded — include setting up a military tribunal which would hear the evidence and submit findings.

But the army is anyway conducting its own investigation into the running of the war, and the Gonen charges (and Sharon counter-charges) will probably come up before that.

Referring to newspaper reports which purported to cite "Committee circles," the Committee stated that it had not disseminated any information through any such "circles." Whenever it wished to publish anything, it did so in its own name, the Committee asserted.

Boy spots burglar of parents' flat

HAIFA. — A 12-year-old local boy has led to the arrest of one of the two men who allegedly robbed his parents' home of IL2,650 worth of jewels two weeks ago.

The Magistrate's Court here yesterday remanded Yitzhak Ben-Shitrit for ten days, after the boy spotted him in the street on Tuesday.

The boy had been alone in his family's home on Rehov Omar el-Khattab on January 17, when two men broke in and rifled the flat after hitting and gagging him. Walking in the street on Tuesday, the youngster identified one of his assailants and alerted police.

The suspect denies any connection with the burglary. *(Itim)*

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BRAHMS — Symphony No. 4 in E minor

Limited number of tickets available (most of the tickets have been bought by the Association of the Friends of the Tel Aviv University). Sale begins February 3, 1974 at the IPO Box Office, Mann Auditorium (entrance from Rehov Dizengoff) and Union, 118 Rehov Dizengoff, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; 4-6 p.m. Friday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. only.

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KNESSET TO HAVE FIVE DEPUTIES, 10 C'TTEES

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

With only the smaller factions jecting, the Knesset yesterday ted by an overwhelming majo- y to appoint five Deputies to peaker Israel Yeshayahu, and n Knesset business through ten rmanent committees.

Chief coalition whip Moshe Baram ld the Alignment would have two puty speakers, the Likud two, and e NRP one. This too was ap- roved on the vote.

The plenum must approve the de- uties by name next week, but eanwhile the Likud has already cided to put in Benzion Keshet Herut wing) and Shneor Zalman bramov (Liberal wing). The NRP ill put in Pinhas Sheinman.

The Alignment has to satisfy its ur wings (Mapai, Ahdut Ha'a- oda, Rafi and Mapam) by a sys- m of rotating four deputyships be- een four people on a two-year asis.

Avraham Gevelber will reportedly Deputy Speaker for Ahdut Ha'a- oda and Matilda Ghez for Rafi. he other two wings are still un- cided.

Mr. Baram explained that the new, nth committee, for State Control, ould be added to the existing nine: ouse, Finance, Economics, Foreign ffairs and Defence, Interior, Law, ublic Services, Education and Labour. (Interior has absorbed Ecology).

The State Control Committee will have 15 members only, representing the three big factions: Alignment, Likud and NRP. The Finance and Foreign Affairs and Defence Committees will have 22, the House Committee 19, and the rest 17 members. Mr. Baram said that only factions with five members and up would be allowed to choose which committees they could sit on.

Alignment members will preside over five committees, the Likud over four and the NRP one.

Some Alignment sources said that the Rafi wing which used to have the chairmanship of the Interior Committee in the last Knesset would get the chairmanship of Foreign Affairs and Defence if present chairman Haim Zadok became Minister of Justice. The candidate would then probably be Yitzhak Navon.

Mapam's Chaika Grossman would keep her Public Services Committee and Shoshana Arbeli (Ahdut Ha'avoda) would keep her Labour Committee. The Mapai wing would keep the House Committee and the Finance Committee, but Mapai was still unsure whether Ari Ankorion and Israel Kargman would remain chairmen of House and Finance respectively.

The NRP which keeps the Law Committee will put in Dr. Zerah Warhaftig as chairman, in the likely contingency of him not entering the next Cabinet as Religious Affairs Minister. Barring that, the NRP might wait till one of their Ministers resigned his Knesset seat to let Simha Friedman into the Knesset, and make Friedman Law Committee chairman.

The Likud has to share out four Committees (Interior, Economic, Education and State Control) between its Herut, Liberals, Free Centre and State List wings. Herut gets two chairmanships (one of which, in State Control, will reportedly go to Dr. Yohanan Bader) while the Liberals get one chairmanship and the fourth chairmanship will be rotated among the small wings of the Likud.

The chairman of the Defence Budget sub-committee and the deputy chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee (both assigned to Likud) will be named at a later date.

BAR-LEV:

Checks show no hoarding of staples

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev said yesterday that a check of stocks of basic commodities held by wholesalers had shown that not a single one of them was hoarding.

Replying in the Knesset to the debate on the first reading of a bill to extend the validity of the Emergency Regulations on control of commodities and services, the Minister said the wholesalers drew from Government stores every day or so, and had to account for everything they took and everything they sold to the retailers. There was no way for them to hoard secretly, he said.

The Ministry had not checked all the retailers but none of those who had been checked showed evidence of "significant hoarding," except for one retailer in Jerusalem.

Mr. Bar-Lev said the fact that the shops seemed suddenly to be full of groceries on Monday was not due to the fact that goods which had been hoarded had appeared because the prices were up, but because the increased prices had cut demand down to about a quarter.

The bill was moved to Committee by 39 votes to 34 with four abstentions.

Before the vote Binyamin Halevi (Likud-Gahal) pointed out the Knesset was making a mockery of its own legislation, since the Emergency Regulations had already expired and so could not be extended, retroactively or otherwise.

Fire at Abu Rodeis to burn another month

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Netivei Neft Company hopes to put out the fire in the three offshore oil wells at Abu Rodeis in about a month's time. They have been burning since the start of this month.

Yitzhak Sirkin, the Chairman of the Board of Netivei Neft, said in an interview to "Hadshot Haneft," published by the Petroleum Institute, that the company will be able to round up all the equipment needed to put out the fire in two or three weeks. Foreign experts have been hired for the job by the company, he said.

Concerning reports that valves were not installed in the pipes of the offshore wells as a safety measure to cut off the flow of fuel in case of a fire, Mr. Sirkin said that the valves had indeed been installed. But the chokes on the offshore wells had been closed during the war and had to be dismantled to resume pumping.

An expert in the oil drilling field told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that in more than 20 years' experience he had never seen such foot-dragging as Netivei Neft's. "No one seems to be in a rush," he said.

He estimated that about 3,500 cu/m of oil a day are either burning or not being pumped because of the fire. At current world prices, this represents about IL1m. a day.

Mr. Sirkin also said that the main problem in fires in offshore wells was not putting out the fire, but making sure that when the fire was put out, the flow of the oil was also stopped so as not to pollute the sea.

24 carless day tickets in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — During the six weeks since the carless day regulations went into force, Haifa police have issued violation tickets against only 24 drivers. The police spokesman told *The Post* that only spot checks are carried out. The police cannot spare the time for systematic checking of violations.

Of the 24 offenders, half have already been brought to court and were fined from IL100 to IL700 each. Some were also given suspended prison terms. One offender, a doctor, was acquitted.

The maximum punishment is a IL2,000 fine and a year's jail.

Bid to avert petrol station strike Monday

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Ways of averting the 24-hour shut down of service stations for Monday will be discussed at a meeting here today. Taking part will be representatives of the Fuel Commission, the service station owners, who called the strike to back their demand for a higher commission on sales, and the fuel companies.

"I do not believe the meeting will accomplish anything, there is too big a difference between our positions," an official of the Association of Agents and Service Station Owners said yesterday.

The Association say that in March 1973, when the price of 94 octane petrol was 72 agorot a litre, the stations were receiving a 3.5 agorot commission on each litre sold (4.9 per cent of the sale). Today petrol costs IL1.70 and the commission has dropped to 3.9 agorot per litre (2.3 per cent of the sale). Owners want the previous percentage to be restored.

The fuel companies say they need more time to study sales figures before making a decision.

The station owners claim that "Everything has gone up and sales have dropped by about 25 per cent because of the war, carless days and the rise in fuel prices."

If the strike takes place on Monday, it will affect the 330 service stations whose owners are members of the Association. A small number of stations which are not members of the Association will most likely remain open, as will stations in East Jerusalem and in the administered areas.

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$39m. to aid academic immigrants

The Jewish Agency Board of Governors yesterday approved a $39.7 million programme for the absorption of academic immigrants. Under the plan, the number of such immigrants undergoing retraining programmes will be increased.

In addition, special funds will be allocated to make jobs for musicians, writers and artists. A loan fund will be set up for academic immigrants wishing to set up independent enterprises.

The Centre for the Absorption of Immigrant Scientists has already begun granting aid to universities and research institutes to help absorb qualified newcomers.

Help in drawing up the plan was given by Sam Morgenstein, an international adviser on manpower who was a top manpower official in the U.S. and is now an adviser to the United Nations.

Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum told the board that Russian immigrants require spiritual absorption and are not satisfied just with employment and housing. They had been cut off from a Jewish life and were now thirsting for knowledge about Judaism, he said, and added that courses in Judaism are given at absorption centres for those interested. Books on Judaism have been published in Russian and Georgian by the Agency.

70,000 newcomers expected in 1974

Jerusales Post Reporter

The 70,000 immigrants expected this year will probably include between 35,000 and 40,000 Soviet Jews, Melvin Dubinsky, chairman of the United Israel Appeal of the U.S., said yesterday.

Mr. Dubinsky is chairman of the Agency's budget committee, and one of the five American members of the organization's 11-member Executive. He said the continuing immigration of Soviet Jews and the higher costs involved in the process will require about $235m. in the 18-month period beginning April 1. (In a departure from past practice, the budget committee now presents an 18-month "estimate of needs" rather than a proposed budget for 12 months.)

Other leading items in the estimate are construction of housing for newcomers: $308m.; subsidies to institutions of higher learning: $190m.; agricultural settlements: $125m.; and social welfare assistance: $92m.

The total "estimate of needs" for the 18-month period, from April 1, 1974 to September 30, 1975, is $1,250m.

THE BOARD of Governors of Tel Aviv University will meet on Monday to discuss priorities for the extension of the campus.

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As in other years, we are holding Nature Week in the month of Shvat — February 2-9. This year, the objectives of Nature Week are to show the public what is happening in the world of nature, to show the enjoyment that can be obtained close to nature, and to imbue the public with the idea of nature preservation.

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Along the Via Dolorosa and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre
Saturday, Feb. 2. Guide: Yisrael Lipel
Meeting place: New Gate at 2 p.m.
(Rehovot Branch excursion.)

Nature Week Excursions (organized by Rehovot Branch) in the Rehovot environs.

a. Givat Kfar Gvirol, b. Hurshat Hashita Hamalbina
Saturday, Feb. 2
From 9-11 a.m., explanatory leaflets will be handed out to hikers, at the entrance to the Weizmann Institute. Hikers will choose the circuit they prefer, and go round unaccompanied, with the aid of the leaflet. If it rains, the excursions will be held on Feb. 9.

To Givat Hagana, Mitzpor Hatzuk, and Nahal Kelach Elyon
Saturday, Feb. 2 (guides from the Carmel Field School)
Meeting place: Givat Hahagana park (near the television antenna) at 9 a.m.

To Mitzpor Hatzuk and the Little Switzerland Reserve
Saturday, Feb. 2 (guides from the Carmel Field School)
Meeting place: 9 a.m. at the entrance to the Matzpor Hatzuk park (on the main road to Osfia. Those coming from Haifa — second entry on the right after the University. Those coming from Beit Oren-Osfia — first turning to the left after the television antenna).
NOTE: Easy going.

To Nahal Vasit and Nahal Kelach Tahton
Saturday, Feb. 2 (guides from the Carmel Field School)
Meeting place: 9 a.m. at the main entrance to Haifa University, on the Haifa-Osfia road.
Note: Transport provided for the return leg. Three-hour excursion. Going presents no difficulty.

To the Banyas
Saturday, Feb. 2 (guides from the Golan Field School)
Meeting place: a. 10 a.m., b. 2 p.m. at the Mayan Banyas car park

To the path to the top of Mount Meiron
Saturday, Feb. 2 (guides from the Mount Meiron Field School)
Meeting place: 11 a.m. in the summit path park, on the top of Mount Meiron.

Along the coast from Achziv to Rosh Hanikra
Saturday, Feb. 2 (guides from the Western Galilee Field School).
Meeting place: 9 a.m. at the Western Galilee Field School.

Bird watching trip (Jerusalem Branch)
Sunday, Feb. 3 (Guide: Gerda Yisrael).
Jerusalem Theatre plaza at 4 p.m.

Along a section of the mandate road between Yagur and Nesher
Monday, Feb. 4 (guides from Carmel Field School).
Meeting place: 9 a.m. at the entrance to Yad Meginim, Yagur (opposite the Lagin factory).
Note: Does not come back to the point of departure.

To Beit Guvrin Caves
Saturday, Feb. 2 (guides from the Harel Yehuda Field School).
Meeting place: 10 a.m. at the entrance to Kibbutz Guvrin.
Bring: Clothing suitable for scrambling in caves, candles or torches.

Botanical excursion (Jerusalem Branch)
Tuesday, Feb. 5 (Guide: Yonatan Hantke).
Meeting place: Kikar Zarfat at 3.30 p.m.

To observe nature re-awakening
Tuesday, Feb. 5 (Ramat Gan Branch)
Meeting place: Derech Abba Hillel — Rehov Bialik crossroads, Ramat Gan at 3 p.m.

To the Etzba Ridge
Thursday, Feb. 7 (Tu Beshvat) (guides from the Carmel Field School).
Meeting place: 9 a.m. at the junction on the Nahal Oren road, opposite Atlit Prison (on the old Haifa-Tel Aviv road).

From Hadassah Hospital to the Kennedy Memorial (Jerusalem Branch)
Thursday, Feb. 7 (Tu Beshvat) (Guide: Ruth Alon).
Meeting place: 2 p.m. at Hadassah Hospital (Ein Kerem) — the No. 19 Bus stop by the Medical School.

To Tel Abu Zitun — Eser Tahanot
Saturday, Feb. 9 (guides from the Ramat Gan Branch)
Meeting place: 9 a.m. at the Ramat Gan Stadium

To the Hanita Forest and Hanita Observation Point
Saturday, Feb. 9 (guides from the Western Galilee Field School).
Meeting place: a. 9 a.m. at the Western Galilee Field School,
b. 9.15 a.m. at Lower Hanita park.

To the path to the top of Mount Meiron
Saturday, Feb. 9 (guides from Mount Meiron Field School).
Meeting place: 11 a.m. in the summit path park, on the top of Mount Meiron.

To the Banyas
Saturday, Feb. 9 (guides from the Golan Field School).
Meeting place: a. 10 a.m., b. 2 p.m., in the Mayan Banyas car park.

To Givat Hahagana and Nahal Nesher
Saturday, Feb. 9 (guides from the Carmel Field School).
Meeting place: 9 a.m. at the Givat Hahagana park (near the television antenna).
Note: Half-day trip for good hikers. Ends in the Hagana park.

To Nahal Alon, Alon Valey, Nahal Hik and Bom Hacarmel
Saturday, Feb. 9 (guides from the Carmel Field School).
Meeting place: 9 a.m. at the Oranim summit park (first park on the right after the Damon junction, on the Haifa-Osfia road.
Note: Half-day hike.

To the ancient mines, Ein Oren, Nahal Oren, and Beit Oren
Saturday, Feb. 9 (guides from the Carmel Field School)
Meeting place: 9 a.m. at the entrance to Beit Oren, on the Nahal Oren road.

To the Sharon Park and the Michmoret shore (Hadera Branch)
Saturday, Feb. 9 (Guide: Shalom Zo-Eretz).
Meeting place: 10 a.m. at the Hadera West Railway Station.
Note: The trip will finish during the afternoon. It will be possible to return by bus.

To Tel Afek (Antipatris) (Petah Tikva Branch)
Saturday, Feb. 9.
Meeting place: 9 a.m. by the Memorial on the Petah Tikva-Rosh Ha'ayin road.

To Mount Herzl, Ein Kerem, Sataf, Tel Zova, and Ein Hemed (Jerusalem Branch)
Saturday, Feb. 9 (Guide: Matti Weiss).
Meeting place: 11 a.m. at the entrance to Mt. Herzl.

To the Jerusalem Forest, Dir Ya'asin, the Crusader farm, Ein A-Tut, Zukim park, Shen Hapil (Jerusalem Branch)
Saturday, Feb. 9 (Guide: Shmuel Even-Or).
Meeting place: 3 p.m. at the Flour Mills, Rehov Farbstein (Kiryat Moshe).

Excursion in private cars to Matzukei Nahal Kesalon and the Masrek Reserve
Saturday, Feb. 9 (guides from the Harel Yehuda Field School)
Meeting place: 9.30 a.m. at the Shimshon junction petrol station.

There will also be short excursions on Tu Bishvat (Feb. 7), arranged by the field schools for teachers who come to the schools with pupils. Such excursions should be arranged by contacting the field schools direct.

Families of Syrian PoWs at Knesset

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The committee representing the families of IDF soldiers believed prisoners of war or missing in Syria called on Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshayahu yesterday and urged him to set up a parliamentary body representing the Knesset factions to take up their plight and maintain intensive contacts with parliaments in other countries.

The committee, which represents 85 families, asked the Speaker to arrange a debate in the plenum once more.

The Speaker reported on the reactions he had already received from other parliaments to a motion passed after the first plenum debate about the Israeli prisoners in Syria. He also suggested that their plight be raised this weekend at the conference of members of European parliaments sympathetic to Israel meeting in West Berlin. Knesset delegates Elimelech Rimalt (Likud-Gahal) and Adi Yaffe (Alignment-Labour) are attending.

As soon as one of the Knesset factions tabled a motion about the prisoners and the missing, the Speaker promised, he would see the motion was debated as soon as possible.

Bail halved for Tiffany arson suspect

TEL AVIV. — The Magistrate's Court here yesterday reduced by half the IL100,000 bail set for Emil Roland, one of the suspects in the Tiffany's night club fire here on January 6.

Roland, the club's bookkeeper, had been released earlier this week on condition he post IL100,000 bail and stay in Eilat until the end of the investigation. As he was unable to raise the full bail the court agreed to the lower figure. But it warned him that he will be remanded for another seven days if he doesn't raise the IL50,000.

The bookkeeper and the club's manager were arrested on suspicion of arson after the fire which caused the evacuation of the Dan Hotel which houses the club. Tax officials suspect the club management of concealing more than IL7m. in income over the past four years.

Hitch-hikers prove greedy

TEL AVIV. — Two young men in army uniform were arrested yesterday on suspicion of having stolen IL80 from the purse of a woman motorist who gave them a lift.

Shimon Cohen and Daniel Ben-Haylm were remanded for six days in the Magistrate's Court here on the woman's complaint. She said that on Monday the two had stopped her for a lift on the Tel Aviv-Haifa Road. She noticed the money was missing from her purse after the two had left her car.

Police told the court that the accused had admitted to three cases of stealing from kind-hearted motorists. *(Itim)*

Woman, 74, dies of asphyxiation

A 74-year-old woman was asphyxiated Tuesday in her flat in Jerusalem by fumes from a kerosene heater.

Neighbours reported a strong smell coming from the flat, and police broke in. The woman, Hanna Shimoni, was found lifeless.

The body was taken for a post mortem examination. *(Itim)*

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Old City circuit draws few runners, lots of oxygen

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There was less company this time but Max Wollock found his third by-annual jog around the Old City walls yesterday a more invigorating experience than ever.

"This is a beautiful time of year to do it," said the 56-year-old Canadian publisher after completing the four-kilometre route at Jaffa Gate. "You can feel the oxygen filling your lungs."

In his two previous Old City jogs in the summers of 1970 and 1972, Mr. Wollock was accompanied by up to a dozen persons who had read of his plan in *The Jerusalem Post*. This time only one other person jogged alongside him, Clark Rumrill, U.S. Consul in Jerusalem.

"I was having a glass of wine at home late last night," said Mr. Rumrill, "when my wife saw the item in *The Post* about Mr. Wollock jogging this morning." The consul promptly went to bed and was up in time to join the Canadian when he set out at 6:30 a.m. from Jaffa Gate.

The pair jogged inside the walls to Dung Gate then outside the west and northern walls back to Jaffa Gate. They completed the route in exactly half-an-hour.

The consul, dressed in sweat shirt and racing shoes, said he jogged regularly in Jerusalem. "I was raced by a donkey once going up the Mount of Olives. It was neck and neck for a while but then my pride got the better of me and I spurted ahead."

Panov fears arrest, but 'lives on hope'

LENINGRAD (UPI). — Soviet authorities may imprison ballet dancer Valery Panov as a means of halting his campaign to emigrate to Israel with his ballerina wife, according to reports circulating here.

But Panov said in an interview at his apartment that he continues to hope "common sense" will prevail and he will be allowed to leave with his wife, Galina.

"We live on hope alone, which is nourished by the efforts of our remarkable friends in the West and by world public opinion," he said. "We hope that God may grant wisdom to our tormentors."

Panov was interviewed Monday afternoon. At least two KGB secret police agents were posted outside the building, and when the interview was over one of them bolted from a telephone booth and followed me for several blocks but did not intervene.

Panov said friends told him that officials at a recent Leningrad Communist Party meeting talked of imprisoning him for speculation, or engaging in illegal private enterprise.

He said he does not know whether to credit the reports and does not know the basis for such a charge. "I am speaking about this to prepare public opinion for such a measure," he said.

During President Nixon's visit to the Soviet Union in 1972, Panov was stopped on the street and arrested on a charge of spitting on a man's sleeve. He denied the charge but spent 15 days in jail.

After he staged a 20-day hunger strike last November, officials gave him permission to emigrate but said his wife could not go with him because her mother objected. He turned down the offer.

Panov said he recently went to Volkhov, a town near Leningrad where his mother-in-law lives, but she had disappeared.

On January 22, he said, he was summoned to Ovir, the Soviet visa office. "But I telephoned first and asked if Galina's departure has been settled, and they didn't answer," he said. "So I refused to go.

"I was very depressed. Our nerves are shattered down, and that is not the best condition for making wise decisions. I am afraid I will say something rude to officials and they will use that against me.

"I understand many telegrams were sent to me during my hunger strike, but I have received only two in six months," he said. They apparently got through by accident.

One was from the British actor Laurence Olivier, who has been campaigning for the Panov's release. It said:

"Have just seen wonderful film of you. Bravo, you are the greatest dancer in the world. How wonderful it would be if we could meet before too long."

Tel Aviv buses to run later

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Dan bus co-operative announced the following improvements in its services starting tomorrow (Friday).

Line number 12 will operate until 8 p.m. from the railway station and 8.30 from Manshia Quarter.

Line number 14 until 7.30 from Merkaz Balei Melacha and until 6.55 p.m. from the Bavli Quarter.

Line number 15 until 8 p.m.

Line number 27 until 8 p.m. from the central bus station and until 7.30 p.m. from Tel Baruch.

Lines, 30, 34, 41, 53, and 57 will operate until 8 p.m. in both directions.

Line 31 will operate up to the sea front.

Line 42 will operate until 7.30 p.m. from Tel Baruch and until 8 p.m. from Jaffa.

Line 44 will operate until 8 p.m.

Tempers flare as duty-free rules change

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Tension here over the new regulations restricting immigrants' customs exemptions to goods they bring from their country of origin brought one immigrant last week to make his point with a knife, officials said yesterday.

A newcomer from Iran was arrested in the customs shed over the weekend for allegedly pulling a knife on a customs official during an argument over the duty payable on a number of carpets he had brought with him. The customs officer said the man held a knife to his head; the immigrant claims that he merely placed the knife on the table, "to stop myself from using it."

The man, aged 53 and the head of a large family, was released after being charged.

In another case a 24-year-old boutique owner from Tel Aviv refused to pay duty on a number of items he had brought back with him for his shop. He abandoned the goods to the Treasury on condition that he could pick out his personal belongings from among them.

But when it came to selecting the belongings, an argument developed between the customs man and the boutique owner. The young man allegedly butted the customs officer in the jaw with his head. The customs man needed hospitalization.

The hard-headed boutique owner was arrested on suspicion of assault and later released on bail.

Customs officials say they hope tempers will cool when the public gets used to the new regulations, which went into force at the beginning of the month. *(Itim)*

TOMORROW'S EUROPEAN Cup quarter-final between Tel Aviv Maccabi and French football champions Berck will be broadcast live from France by Israel Broadcasting. The radio's Second Programme will carry the game from 9.40 to 11.30 p.m. Israel TV will begin coverage at 10.40 p.m.

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Nixon may respond to Los Angeles subpoena in writing

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The White House said yesterday President Nixon "will respectfully decline" to appear personally in a California court, but a spokesman did not rule out the possibility Nixon may submit written statements.

Deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren told newsmen that James St. Clair, chief of Nixon's Watergate lawyers team, would recommend the President not honour a summons issued on Tuesday by County Court Judge Gordon Ringer in Los Angeles.

Ringer directed Nixon to testify on February 25 and April 15 at the hearing and trial of three former aides.

Warren made it clear Nixon would follow his lawyer's advice. He said St. Clair recommended this action on constitutional grounds. But he left the door open for the possibility that Nixon may give the court written statements. "Should further requests be made of the White House they will be dealt with at that time," Warren said.

The court action was the first time that a President of the United States had been summoned to appear in any state court.

Ringer ruled that Nixon must appear as a *material* witness in behalf of John Ehrlichman, his former domestic adviser, and David Young and G. Gordon Liddy, two other defendants in the burglary of the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

Daniel Ellsberg has been credited with releasing secret Pentagon papers on the beginnings of U.S. involvement in Indochina to the public.

Ehrlichman and the two other former White House aides are seeking Nixon's testimony to support their contention that they were acting as federal officers when the break-in occurred in 1971.

Ehrlichman's lawyers have already failed in an attempt to get Nixon to appear voluntarily at the trial. They want the President to reaffirm a speech he made last May in which he spoke of setting up the "plumbers unit" because of his worries about breaches of national security.

Nixon's dilemma is that if he complies with the subpoena he would undercut his previous positions on the separation of powers of the three branches of government.

Ethnic Germans demand to leave Russia, fight police

MOSCOW (AP). — A fist fight broke out in front of the West German Embassy here yesterday between policemen and a group of Soviet citizens of German extraction who want to be repatriated.

Six ethnic Germans turned up in front of the embassy on Bolshaya Gruzinskaya Street yesterday afternoon carrying placards expressing their desire to go to Germany. They said they had been trying for exit visas for several years and yesterday received their latest refusal at the Moscow passport office.

Soviet militiamen who are posted outside all embassies here moved in on the group and fighting broke out between the police and four of the male demonstrators. The four were arrested and taken away in a police car, but one man and one woman managed to slip into the embassy compound and were reported to be still there.

Foreign newsmen witnessed the incident.

The demonstrators carried three placards which read: "We want to go home to the BRD (German initials for the Federal Republic of Germany)," "I want to go to Germany," and "I am a German, I want to go to Germany." They said they all have relatives in West Germany.

Three of the men said they were from Estonia, and two men and one woman said they were from Latvia.

Sadat may free Sabry, Beirut daily reports

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat is expected to release from prison his former deputy, Ali Sabry, who was alleged to have led a plot to overthrow the Sadat regime in May 1971, according to Beirut's mass-circulation newspaper "An-Nahar."

The Lebanese daily said that the move is aimed at "appeasing" the Soviet Union.

Sabry, often referred to as "Moscow's man in Cairo," was arrested along with several followers at the height of a power struggle at a time Sadat was conducting an intensive campaign of de-Nasserization in Egypt.

If the Beirut report is true, Sadat would be releasing almost all of his former political opponents — thus demonstrating the strong position he has built up following the October war and the disengagement agreement with Israel, under which Egypt would regain control of the Suez Canal.

MINERS VOTING TODAY ON STRIKE

Heath seeks to avert industrial 'disaster'

LONDON (UPI). — Prime Minister Edward Heath sought in secret, last-ditch moves yesterday to head off a national coal mines shutdown which the Government said would mean disaster for British industry. But mine workers' leader Joe Gormley said he would not meet the Prime Minister unless the Government puts more cash on the table.

Britain's 269,000 coal miners are to vote today and tomorrow in a rank-and-file ballot on their leader's call for a national miners strike. If, as Mr. Gormley and other miners' leaders predict, there is an overwhelming "yes" vote, the country's mines will be shut down on February 10.

Mr. Gormley took his uncompromising "no-talks-without-more-money" stand in a personal letter to Mr. Heath. Its text was not made public immediately, although a union spokesman said it answered an appeal last week from Mr. Heath to call off the miners' strike threat.

But National Coal Board Chairman Derek Ezra said the Government is "seriously taking into account" a plea he has made to seek a way out of the crisis through a report published last week by the Government's pay board. This said that in certain circumstances workers in vital industries might be allowed pay hikes above the Government's Phase Three anti-inflation limits.

Mr. Heath conferred yesterday morning with Employment Secretary William Whitelaw and other key ministers. They met amid a storm of speculation in press and Parliament that Mr. Heath would seek eleventh-hour meetings with the mineworkers' leaders or, perhaps, with leaders of the 10 million-member Trades Union Congress and the Confederation of British Industry, which represents 12,000 industrial firms.

The mineworkers demanded pay increases of 30-35 per cent — far above the Government's Phase Three limits. The Coal Board offered 16.5 per cent.

Mineworkers' leaders said that if the strike starts, railroad, trucking and longshoremen's unions have promised to help maintain a coal blockade to power stations and industry.

About 70 per cent of Britain's electricity is produced by coal.

Shazli issue aired again in Commons

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The appointment as the next Egyptian Ambassador in London of Lieutenant-General Saad e-Din Shazli, Chief of Staff in the Yom Kippur War, was raised in the House of Commons yesterday by Jewish Labour MP Stanley Clinton Davis.

In a question to the Foreign Secretary, he said that if the Foreign Office gave its approval to the appointment, it would be "gross afront to loyal Jewish citizens." Shazli, he pointed out, had consorted with Fascists during his previous embassy posting here in 1962 and had been prepared to spend thousands of pounds on anti-Semitic propaganda.

Replying for the Foreign Office, Lord Balniel, Minister of State, said that all relevant factors would be taken into consideration before granting accreditation.

YEMEN. — Algerian President Houari Boumedienne and Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi will visit San'a on February 25 on a mission related to unity between the two sectors of Yemen, the weekly magazine "As-Sayyad" reported in Beirut.

U.S. trains 142 Arab pilots

WASHINGTON (AP). — Defence Department sources report that 142 Arab military pilots and technicians are now being trained in the U.S.

Officials said the men are from Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon and Jordan.

Saudi Arabia, the only oil producer among the five and a leader in enforcing the current oil embargo, has 14 pilots and 27 technicians in training in this country, sources said.

Also reported in training in the U.S. are 176 air crewmen and 662 technicians from Iran.

Meanwhile, defence sources said there are no Israeli personnel being trained by U.S. Air Force, although six are studying weapons from U.S. arms contractors which supply Israel.

'Sadat's trip to Arabs at request of Kissinger'

NEW YORK (JTA). — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's six-day trip to eight Arab countries urging a lifting of the Arab oil embargo against the U.S. has been described by a senior Administration official as a fulfilment of a pledge he made to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, "The New York Times" said yesterday.

According to Bernard Gwertzman, writing from Washington, Sadat told King Faisal of Saudi Arabia and other Arab leaders that American policy in the Middle East had changed and that the oil embargo should be lifted in response to the change.

Gwertzman said that the Administration official claimed that Sadat had made a promise to do this for Kissinger in gratitude for Kissinger's efforts in the Israeli-Egyptian disengagement agreement.

Eight Bolivian farmers killed in clashes

LA PAZ (UPI). — Troops and air force planes drove protesting peasants from highways in central Bolivia yesterday, lifting the siege of Cochabamba city, but a peasants' revolt spread and the farmers seized other roads and began charging tolls. Eight farmers were reported to have been killed in the clashes.

The revolt began as a protest against high food prices. Yesterday, the government sent troops and planes against the peasants, but the farmers seized other roads between La Paz and the mining city of Oruro and started charging toll fees to travellers.

Several bridges were reported destroyed in western Bolivia in what was believed to be sabotage attempts.

Gen. Carlos Alcoreza, a member of the army's Joint Chiefs of Staff, declared former army commander Gen. Eladio Sanchez a fugitive from justice and accused Sanchez of trying to stage a coup on Tuesday morning. The government of President Gen. Hugo Banzer headed off the alleged coup attempt by declaring martial law on Monday night.

Alcoreza said Sanchez was relieved of his command earlier this month and named Ambasador to Ecuador. But he never reported to his new post and is now being sought.

Alcoreza gave no indication of how the planned coup against the government was connected with the peasants' revolt at Cochabamba, put down by six carloads of troops on Tuesday night.

Farmworkers' leaders demanded that Gen. Banzer, who seized power in 1971, should be retired. They made the demand at a mass meeting in Cochabamba.

In a gunbattle at Tolata township, troops freed an army general held hostage by the farm workers, but failed to clear them from the barricades.

Looting danger after floods in Brisbane

BRISBANE (AP). — The Australian Government yesterday warned against vigilante groups arming themselves to protect their flood-ravished property from looters as hundreds of families started returning to their homes in the Brisbane area.

Brisbane, Australia's third largest city, was slowly returning to normal yesterday in the wake of the worst flooding on record.

Homeowners returned to find mud a foot or more deep in their suburban homes, while homesteaders in rural regions found the grim sight of dead cattle, sheep and other livestock. Three more bodies were found in the debris as the floods receded, bringing the total death toll to 12 in the past six days with two others still reported missing.

Several cases of looting were reported and several looters have been arrested. But the government warning to homeowners about taking the law into their own hands reflected the tough state law which imposes life imprisonment on anyone who shoots and kills a looter.

Jaws locked to keep her from eating

NOTTINGHAM (AP).— Mrs. Shirley Turner, who had her teeth cemented together to keep her from eating, celebrated her 36th birthday yesterday. She watched her husband and two daughters eat the birthday cake.

Mrs. Turner weighed 247 lbs. before she started the crash diet in mid-November. She says she has lost about 50 lbs.

Doctors inserted a silver plate in her mouth and cemented her upper and lower teeth to the plate. A quarter-inch gap between her upper and lower teeth in the front allows her to take liquid nourishment. She says she is trying to lose 135 lbs. by June.

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6-week deadlock removed

Britain lifts veto of Mart energy policy

BRUSSELS (UPI). — Britain yesterday lifted its six-week veto of moves towards a European Common Market energy policy after foreign ministers of nine Market member nations reportedly edged nearer compromise agreements.

For the past six weeks the British Government used its veto power to block moves towards European energy and economic unity until other Common Market nations — particularly West Germany — approved a large fund to aid depressed regions and other countries. Britain would be a major beneficiary of such a fund.

Meeting yesterday to discuss the fund, the foreign ministers of the nine — except for France's Michel Jobert, who sent a deputy — moved towards a compromise agreement, a spokesman said. Accordingly, British Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home announced that the link between the energy and regional policy was broken, and that energy policy could go forward.

Britain had come under intense criticism from other Common Market nations because of this link. Belgian Foreign Minister Renaat van Elslande equated it with the French decision to drop out of the European monetary alignment and had asked the ministers yesterday to set a debate on the "grave crisis" which these acts had caused. The debate was set for February 4-5, time already set aside by the foreign ministers to discuss the European position at the oil conference in Washington on February 11.

A British spokesman said Douglas-Home also ended London's veto on a second project — the transition to the second stage of economic and monetary union.

The Common Market's Executive Commission earlier called the situation a "malaise," and has been working on a special declaration suggesting solutions.

West Germany, which would pay the major share into the regional fund, earlier refused to consider a three-year fund any larger than $880m. — far below the British demand of $3,300m. But both sides have since indicated a willingness to compromise.

At this stage the French objections intervened. Under the German plan for increasing its contribution, only the most depressed regions would get aid. These are located mainly in Britain, Italy and Ireland — not France.

Grivas laid to rest

LIMASSOL (AP). — General George Grivas, the guerrilla hero of the Greek Cypriot independence struggle, was buried here yesterday as 50,000 mourners vowed to continue his fight for enosis — union with Greece.

According to his own wish he was buried in unhallowed ground, a grave in the garden of his favourite hideout, a tiny yellow stone house on the outskirts of this south Cyprus city.

The 75-year-old guerrilla chief died of a heart attack in the hideout last Sunday just as public resentment was mounting against his terrorist tactics to topple President Makarios and bring about enosis by force of arms.

Tanaka eager to assist Arab industry

TOKYO (AP). — Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka told two Arab oil Ministers yesterday that Japan had achieved its industrialization using Arab oil, and now would cooperate in industrialization of the Arab nations.

Tanaka met for one hour at his official residence with Ahmed Zaki Yamani, Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister, and Belaid Abdessalam, Algeria's Industry and Energy minister.

Yamani said he believed Japan has recognized the importance of petroleum, and "I'm attaching great expectations to my visit to Japan." Yamani has suggested that Japan bypass Western international oil companies and deal directly with Arab nations in buying oil, offering industrial equipment and know how in return. But there was no indication the matter was discussed.

LIMITATIONS ON DOMESTIC ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION CANCELLED

(Ma'ariv of Jan. 20, 1974)

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Jobert asked Syria to free Israel PoWs

PARIS. — Foreign Minister Michel Jobert has asked the Syrian Government to release the Israel prisoners of war it holds.

Jobert, who Tuesday night concluded a two-day official visit to Syria, told a press conference at Damascus airport before leaving that he had asked the Syrian Foreign Minister to reconsider his country's stand on this issue.

"It is regrettable that human beings, the prisoners, should become the stake of the game now being played" said the Minister. He said that he drew Syria's attention to "the humanitarian aspect" of the question "as we have done in past circumstances in both Syria and Israel."

Jobert said that France supports the principle of the Geneva conference but regrets that the "essential problems" have not been discussed. He said that "Had France been present at the talks, fundamental problems would have been given priority and other conflicts, such as disengagement, would have been solved easily and naturally."

Jobert disclaimed any French pretension to be considered "the natural partner" of the Arab world and pressed for closer cooperation between Western Europe and the Arab states. He also called for an Arab-European conference which would examine economic and political cooperation.

French correspondents who accompanied Jobert in Damascus reported yesterday that the Minister reiterated France's determination not to lift its arms embargo to the countries engaged in the Middle East conflict: Israel, Egypt, Syria and Jordan, in spite of Syrian requests for French-made arms.

In Damascus, Jobert said in an interview published here yesterday that the U.S. "has no right to blame France for its attempts to sign bilateral contracts with oil-exporting countries."

In the interview published in Syria's state-run newspapers, he referred to what he termed an American "campaign against France" for its criticism of the conference on energy problems called by President Nixon for February 11.

Jobert said: "Extreme positions always create crises, monetary, economic and in other fields. Kissinger has no right to blame France for its attempts to sign bilateral contracts with oil-exporting countries."

"Other countries known for their close ties with America, such as West Germany, Britain and Japan, have signed bilateral agreements," Jobert said. "So why is there this American campaign against France because of the stand it took toward the conference Kissinger called for?"

The French Foreign Minister said France had been excluded from the Middle East peace conference in Geneva "despite our wish to take part," and that "since we are not taking part, we are watching what is going on," he said. "This observation allows us to maintain our stand and we are not prepared to go back on it." *(JTA, UPI)*

Mrs. Klarsfeld leads Paris demonstration

PARIS (Reuter). — A demonstration led by a committee including Nazi hunter Mrs. Beate Klarsfeld was held outside the offices of the Syrian Arab Airlines here on Tuesday to demand that Syria turn over to Israel the list of Israeli prisoners of war it holds.

Large forces of police watched as about 100 persons marched on the offices next to the opera house in central Paris. There were no incidents.

Other members of the non-political and non-religious committee formed recently include author Simone de Beauvoir.

Mrs. Klarsfeld went to Syria earlier this month to urge Syrian authorities to publish the list of Israeli prisoners held there, but she only saw low-ranking officials.

PLO PAPER REJECTS JORDAN CUSTODIANSHIP

BEIRUT (Reuter). — The weekly newspaper "Falastin al-Thawra" (Revolutionary Palestine), mouthpiece of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, has announced rejection of all attempts to "reconcile" the terrorist movement with the Jordanian regime.

It also rejected King Hussein's plans for the future of the West Bank.

In an editorial carried by the Palestine news agency, Wafa, and appearing yesterday, the newspaper said the future of Palestinian territory when occupation ended had been under consideration following "developments in the area after the October war."

Among these it listed the agreement reached between Israel and Egypt on military disengagement, and said the masses in occupied territory had announced rejection of occupation and also of Jordanian "custodianship."

The paper said responsible Palestinians had not hesitated for one moment in their opposition, and had affirmed from the very beginning their rejection of any Palestinian territory "wrested from occupation being restored to the Jordanian authorities."

Young Israeli stabbed in Copenhagen

COPENHAGEN (Reuter). — A 23-year-old Israeli was stabbed and seriously wounded at Copenhagen airport on Tuesday, but he refused to tell police who attacked him and why.

The man, bleeding heavily and in a drowsy state, went to the airport police about half an hour after the incident and was taken to hospital, where he was reported to be in a serious condition.

Police said the man also refused to disclose his business at the airport. He had no passport, no personal papers or an air ticket and he had little money. He gave a name and address in Copenhagen, but police said these were false.

In the hospital, he is under heavy police guard and also under guard is an Israel diplomat, whose name is similar to the one given by the wounded man.

Police said they had ordered a close guard on the diplomat as well as the wounded man because they thought the attack could have been a case of mistaken identity, and the attackers might try again.

Later, AFP quoted Copenhagen police as saying that the Israeli was not stabbed at the airport. Two taxicab drivers told police that he first took a cab from the city centre to a hospital but left there in another cab for the airport before he received treatment. He only went to the police at the airport, it was added.

Soviets warn China on U.S. ties

LONDON (UPI). — A pamphlet circulated by the Soviet embassy yesterday warned China that "its policy of rapprochement with the West has its limits and is fraught with dangerous consequences."

The 16-page publication, titled "What the Maoists are Concealing," at no point named the U.S., but it left little doubt of Moscow's wrath over the Chinese-American accommodation.

It said "certain figures in the West hasten to acquire an ally in Peking so as to achieve certain political aims in the international arena."

The Soviet Embassy circulated the pamphlet along with the latest issue of its news bulletin, thus highlighting the escalating Sino-Soviet conflict.

"The Maoist adventurist foreign policy creates a new source of tension in the world," it said.

The pamphlet said the "unprincipled rapprochement with the biggest western powers on an anti-Soviet basis is aimed at finding an ally against the Soviet Union."

Convict spurns non-kasher jail food

LONDON. — An armed robber serving a 17-year jail sentence has been on hunger strike for more than two years because, as an "orthodox Jew," he refuses to eat the non-kasher food served in prison, the British Government has revealed.

Home Office Minister Mark Carlisle was answering a parliamentary question on Tuesday on the force-feeding of prisoners. He said the man, 29-year-old Keith Baillie, claims to be an orthodox Jew and refuses to eat the non-kasher food served in Parkhurst Prison, a top security jail on the Isle of Wight, off the southern coast of England.

The minister said the man was being fed through a tube inserted into his mouth and pushed down into his stomach. As of January 29, he said, there were four men and two women in British jails who were being force-fed.

JTA yesterday quoted a synagogue official as saying that Baillie, who comes from Glasgow, had a Jewish mother and a non-Jewish father. "Thus we consider him a Jew," Nathan Rubin, secretary of the United Synagogue, said.

Mr. Rubin, who is also secretary of the Visitation Committee of British Jewry (which looks after British Jews serving prison sentences), said the committee and the prisons commissioners had reached a compromise by which Baillie could have a vegetable and fish diet. But Baillie rejected this and went on a hunger strike which he has maintained for the past 819 days, he said. *(AP, UPI)*

Masked Iran students seize Rome embassy

ROME (UPI). — Iranian students wearing black masks took over their country's embassy yesterday to protest what they called "dictatorship" at home.

Police said there was no violence when the students, numbering about 200, entered the embassy to deliver a protest statement and then staged a sit-in.

The students demanded the immediate lifting of death sentences, permission for an international mission to visit prisoners in Iran and unconditional restoration of passports the embassy seized from Iranian students in Italy.

France outlaws Corsican, Basque, Breton groups

PARIS (UPI). — The French Government yesterday outlawed four Basque, Breton and Corsican independence movements on the grounds that their activities are endangering the country's security and territorial integrity.

Interior Minister Raymond Marcellin banned the groups after a recent wave of bomb explosions in Corsica, Brittany and the Basque country.

Information Minister Jean-Philippe Lecat, who announced the ban after yesterday's cabinet meeting, said police have carried out an unspecified number of arrests and searches. He said the cases will be handled by the State Security Court, a special tribunal for anti-government political crimes.

A wave of bombings recently erupted in the outlying regions, causing extensive damage to government or private property, but claiming no victims.

Mr. Lecat said the most virulent Breton nationalists were receiving orders from Frenchmen living in exile in Ireland after being condemned in France for collaboration with the Nazis.

Cornfeld can't pay 5m. francs bail

GENEVA (UPI). — A magistrate's court yesterday demanded 5m. Swiss francs ($1.5m.) bail money from Bernard Cornfeld, former head of the Investor Overseas Services mutual fund organization.

Cornfeld's lawyers said he cannot raise that much money. On January 18 the same court fixed bail at 8m. francs ($2.7m.).

Cornfeld, under arrest since May last year on charges of fraud, abuse of public money and fund mismanagement, appealed against that record bail demand and argued that it should be reduced. "This is still much too high," his lawyers said after yesterday's bail hearing. Cornfeld's fourth.

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Armed men take over vehicles in Dublin

DUBLIN (AP). — A wave of hijacking hit Dublin yesterday when armed men took over buses and trucks at gunpoint and placed the vehicles at strategic points around the city centre with what looked like bombs inside them.

At least 15 men, believed by police to be members of the Irish Republican Army, took part in an obviously carefully planned operation to reduce the capital of the Irish Republic to chaos.

Bus passengers were ordered off at gunpoint and boxes placed on the seats. Oil drums with wires leading from them were put on trucks. The vehicles were left at certain bridges over the River Liffey. Private cars were also taken and parcels placed in their trunks. Some 12 vehicles were seized in 55 minutes. More were taken later.

Police said no bombs were found. The boxes contained stones and the oil drums were empty. The campaign seemed aimed at police harassment.

Police said they believed the rush of hijackings sparked the start of an IRA pressure campaign on the Dublin Government to have the two young sisters Dolores and Marion Price of Belfast transferred from their jail in Britain to one in their native Northern Ireland.

The British Government has said the sisters, jailed for life for their part in bombings of London last March, are on hunger strike and being force-fed. Two men jailed in connection with the same offence are also on hunger strike. One armed man was reported to have told a Dublin motorist, "This is for the Price sisters."

In Northern Ireland, a reserve policeman died early yesterday after being shot while on duty in the Waterside area of Londonderry. A colleague was wounded. The two policemen were on patrol when three youths ran out of a passageway and fired several shots at them.

The shooting brought the total death toll in Northern Ireland to 945 since August 1969. The policeman was the second to die this year.

The chief Protestant terror organization, the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force, issued a statement on Tuesday calling on all Protestant groups to stop sectarian assassinations.

It said this was a response to an announcement by the IRA's Provisional wing that it would no longer seek to kill off-duty members of the UDR. Sources said the IRA sought a reciprocal gesture from the Protestants.

Greek police hold 'Der Spiegel' man

ATHENS (UPI). — Greek military police yesterday arrested Constantinos Tsatsaronis, correspondent for the German weekly "Der Spiegel," a spokesman for the Foreign Press Association of Greece said.

Mr. Tsatsaronis was picked up by three plainclothes military policemen at his office without being given any explanation, the spokesman said. The three men also searched his office, he said.

Mr. Tsatsaronis, 45, a Greek citizen who studied in Germany, is the first correspondent to be detained by the military regime, which took power after a coup last November 25.

Spassky to semi-finals

By ELIAHU SHAHAF
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Former world champion Boris Spassky, who lost his title to Bobby Fischer in 1972, made the first step on the comeback road by advancing to the semi-finals of the World Chess Championship.

In the sixth game of the match in San Juan, Spassky on Tuesday defeated for the third time U.S. champion Robert Byrne. Spassky needed only six out of 16 games to achieve his goal. He won the third and the fourth games as well while the other three games ended in a draw.

In the semi-finals Spassky will play the winner of the Karpov-Polugayevski match now being played in Moscow.

In other quarter-final play, Viktor Korchnoi and Henrique Mecking began their eighth game yesterday, with Korchnoi holding a 2-0 edge. In Majorca, former world champion Tigran Petrosian drew his sixth game with Lajos Portisch. Petrosian, who twice held the world title, leads 1-0.

The postponed sixth game between grandmasters Anatoli Karpov and Lev Polugayevski was played yesterday.

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Martin Luther King's slayer wins review of guilty plea

CINCINNATI (Reuter). — James Earl Ray, confessed murderer of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, yesterday won a court review of his guilty plea — a move that could lead to the new trial he has sought for nearly five years.

Ray, 41, is serving a 99-year prison sentence in the Tennessee State Prison for the murder of Dr. King in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968.

He contends he was coerced into entering a guilty plea on March 10, 1969. A court of appeals here yesterday ordered a court hearing, to be held later this year in Nashville, on Ray's request to be allowed to change his original plea to one of not guilty.

Ray's lawyer, Bernard Fensterwald, told the court here yesterday his client was "browbeaten, badgered and bribed into pleading guilty in exchange for a 99-year sentence."

Mr. Fensterwald said this was done by Ray's former lawyer, Percy Foreman. "He (Foreman) talked to no witnesses, made no investigation and told Ray there was a 100 per cent chance of conviction and a 99 per cent chance that he would go to the electric chair," Mr. Fensterwald said.

Ray had promised Mr. Foreman all the royalties he would receive from a book to be written about the case, Mr. Fensterwald continued. Before Ray entered his plea, Mr. Foreman sent him a letter offering to return to Ray all the royalties beyond an initial $165,000 if a guilty plea was entered, Mr. Fensterwald said.

In ordering the court hearing, the judges said the allegations, if true, would support a finding that Ray's lawyers deliberately compromised their client's interests in order to further the financial success of the book, in which they had a substantial interest.

Brezhnev says West stalling

MOSCOW (UPI). — Soviet Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev has said various East-West negotiations are being dragged out unnecessarily in a possible bid by some countries to pressure the Soviet Union, Tass news agency reported yesterday.

Tass carried the text of a speech that Mr. Brezhnev delivered at a rally in Havana on Tuesday night.

Mr. Brezhnev complained in particular about the pace of the European Security Conference in Geneva and East-West talks in Vienna on military force reductions in central Europe, Tass said.

"Under various pretexts, some people are dragging out the practical solution of ripe questions," Mr. Brezhnev said. "Attempts are even being made to interfere in the domestic life of other states."

The Soviet press has complained repeatedly that western proposals at the European Security Conference for a greater flow of information and people between East and West are aimed at interfering in Soviet internal affairs.

PETROL. — The Stockholm newspaper "Expressen" yesterday announced a lottery on the serial numbers of petrol ration cards, now useless since the government decided not to extend the rationing. The daily, which was a staunch opponent of the rationing, said 500 winners would earn 40 litres of petrol.

Police manhunt for Blacks who slew 10 in S.F. streets

SAN FRANCISCO. — Police have mounted what city officials called the biggest manhunt in San Francisco's history for two black gunmen believed responsible for 10 random slayings in the past two months.

The latest wave of killings came on Tuesday night, when five persons were shot in a two-hour period on city streets. Four died and doctors say the lone survivor may remain paralysed.

Under the code name Operation Zebra, officers spread out throughout the city in the search for the killers, believed to be two men who alternated roles of gunman and driver. In each slaying, the victim was white and was walking along a quiet, residential street. The victims were arbitrarily selected and marked for death, detectives said. Most were shot in the back or while turning around in response to a call, police said.

"Sure, people are afraid," Police Lieutenant William O'Connor said on Tuesday. "If the murders had a motive — rape or robbery — it wouldn't be so frightening. This is terrible. There's an element of blind hate involved in these cowardly acts of going up to an isolated person and shooting him."

Police said they had no suspects. They said they were working on descriptions of two young black men supplied by witnesses.

The only survivor of Monday's shooting was Mrs. Roxanne McMillan, 23. She was reported in stable but critical condition after undergoing surgery to remove a bullet lodged behind her heart and another which went through her liver and lung. She was shot as she helped her husband move into their new house.

A police officer said the slayings were similar to a spurt of shootings last month in which six persons were killed and two were wounded. He said the largest manhunt in the city's history had been launched for the killers, believed to be psychopaths. *(UPI, AP)*

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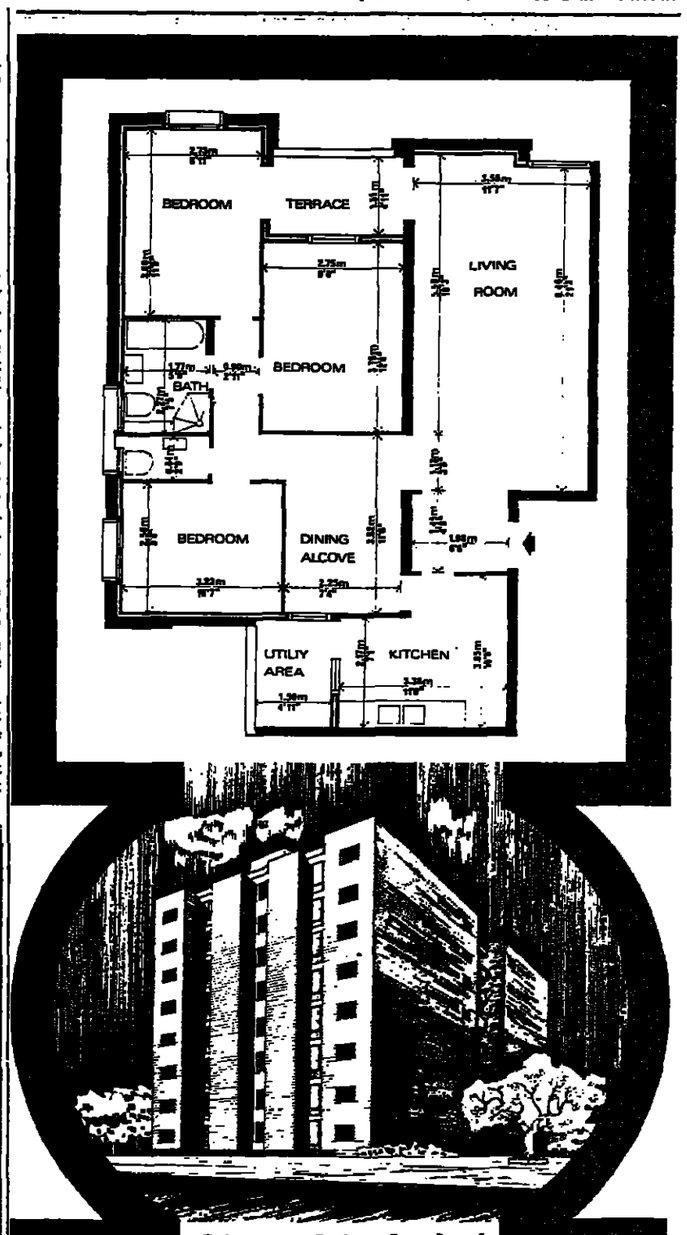

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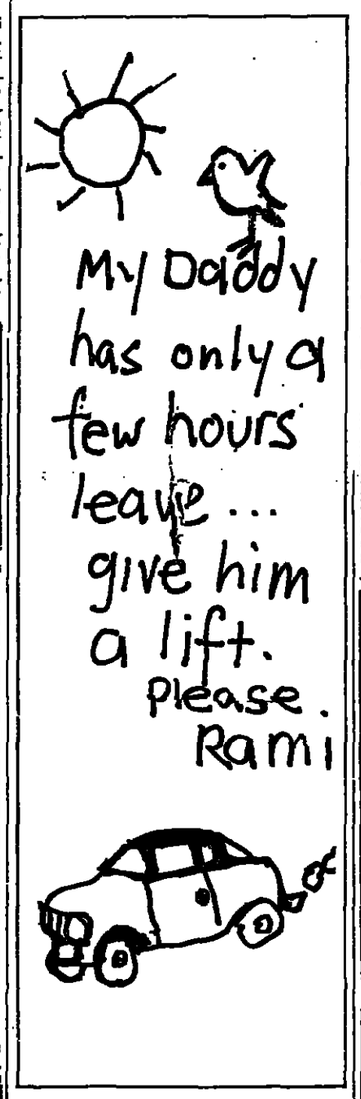

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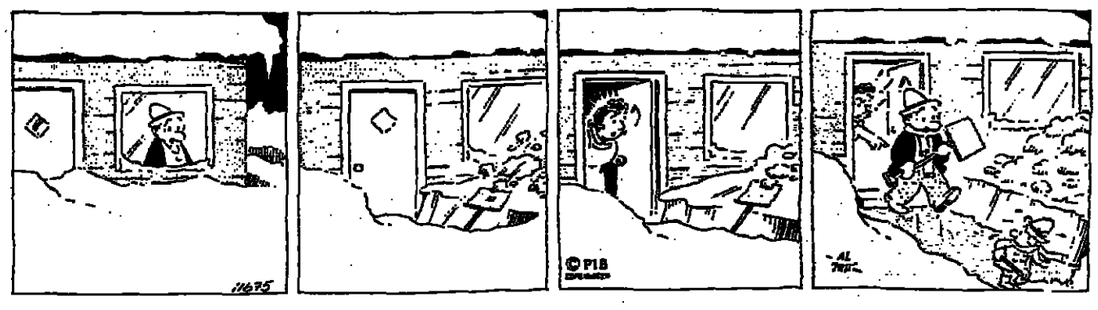

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CINEMAS

JERUSALEM
(4.00, 7.00, 9.00)

ARNON: Dorian Gray; CHEN: The Clay Pigeon; EDEN: LOS Amigos; EDISON: The Honeymoon Killer; HABIRAH: Wedding Night; JERUSALEM: Woodstock; OREGL: Adieu L'Ami; ORION: Emperor of the North; OENA: Battle for the Planet of the Apes; RON: What do you say to a Naked Lady?; SEMADAR: The Canterbury Tales.

TEL AVIV
(4.30, 7.15, 9.30)

ALLENBY: Charley Varrick; BEN YEHUDA: The Beach of the War Gods; CINEMA ONE: Judge Roy Bean. CINERAMA: Battle of the Giants; CHEN: The Bigamist; RAMA: Cleopatra Jones; DEKEL: Soul to Soul; EDEN: Doraha; ESTHER: Blume in Love; DRIVE-IN CINEMA: On the Run. Madron. Sat. Night. Klute; GAT: Pete N' Tillie; GORDON: Le Grand Blond Avec Une Chaussure Noire; HOD: Westworld; LIMOR: Steelyard Blues; MAXIM: What they did to Solange; MOGRABI: The Stone Killer; ORDAN: Guess what we learned in school today; OPHIR: Coffy; OREY: I'll Cry Tomorrow; PEER: Malizia; PARIS: Man in the Wilderness; RAMAT AVIV: The Last Picture Show; Tues. 4.30 Monsters attack the earth; STUDIO: The Forbidden Decameron; TCHELET: Ovel; TEL AVIV: Gordon's War; ZAFON: The Heartbreak Kid.

RAMAT GAN

ARMON: The Canterbury Tales; HADAR: Judge Roy Bean; LILI: Jeremiah Johnson; OASIS: Four Flies on Grey Velvet; OREDEA: A man to respect; RAMA: Cleopatra Jones; RAMAT GAN: The Mackintosh Man.

HEREZLIYA

DAVID: The Red Sun.

PETAH TIKVA

SHALOM: Redneck. Atom the Monster.

HAIFA
(4.00, 7.00, 9.00)

AMPHITHEATRE: Decameron 69; ARMON: Want so Much; ATZMON: Even Angels; BEIT ROTHSCHILD: Histoires Extraordinaires, Sun. Boy Friend. Thurs. Sacre Grand Pere; CHEN: Decameron 2; MIKON: Golden Tiger; MORIAH: Klezblan; ORAH: The Mackintosh; ORDAN: Le Gendarme se Marie; ORION: Godfather of Harlem; OREY: Le Grand Blonde; PEER: The Senator Likes Women; RON: Class of 44; SHAVIT: Subterfuge.

ON THE AIR

Hebrew News and Newsreels

1st programme: News: Every hour on the hour, except 1 a.m. Newsreels: 7.05 a.m. 1.05 p.m. 7.05 and 11.05 p.m.
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Galei Zahal: News: Every hour on the hour. Newsreels: 8.05 a.m. 12.05 and 5.05 p.m. and 12.05 a.m.

FIRST PROGRAMME
256, 522 and 221 M.

7.58 a.m. Opening 8.05 "Famous artists — with the "Allegro" Chamber Orchestra, Maureen Forrester, Yfrah Neeman, "Buenos Aires 8," Henry Charles Smith, the Trinity Choir, Claudio Strudthoff, Lido Guarneri, Lili Kraus, The Claremont String Quartet and the Gewandhaus Symphony Orchestra. 9.05 "Opera Sounds" Gounod: Excerpts from "Faust" (with Victoria de los Angeles, Nicolai Gedda, Boris Christoff Conductor: Andre Cluytens). 9.55 English News 10.05 "Allegro Vivace" Works by Britten, Lavry, Falla, Khatchaturian, Weinberger, Rossini, Bizet, Kodaly, Pierne, Loube and Liszt 10.55 News 11.00 News in easy Hebrew 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Programmes for Elementary schools. 11.35 Songs and melody 12.15 Programmes for elementary schools 12.35 Midday Concert: Piston: Symphony No.6 (Conductor: Charles Muench). 1.06 At Midday." 1.35 Midday concert Schumann: Symphony No. 3 ("Rhenish") (Conductor: Rafael Kubelik). 2.05 Mother and Child. 3.05 Listen to the Band 4.05 A Moment of Hebrew 4.06 Book Review 4.10 Literature for High Schools 4.30 "Waves of Sounds" 5.05 "From our Concert Halls" (Second Broadcast) The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Peter Maag Mozart: Symphony No. 35 in D-minor ("Haffner"); Hindemith: Cello Concerto (Soloist Janos Starker) 5.55 English News. 6.05 "People and Figures." 6.25 Programme for the Worker and Employer. 6.50 French News. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today." 7.25 Bible Reading Yeshayahu chaps. 63 and 64. 8.05. This week in the Knesset. 8.30 Recital Shimon Rochman (Harpsichord) plays Reinecken Soler, Couperin, Carvalho, Gibbons and John Bull. 9.05 "New Sounds" (Stereo) (recordings from the Netherlands Broadcasting Authority, played by The Netherlands Radio Orchestra) Charles Ives: "A set of pieces for Theatre Orchestra: Michael Tippett: "Songs for Dov" (Soloist: Gerald English-Tenor); Gyorgy Ligeti: "Melodien" (Soloist: Edo de Waart) Producer — Joan Williams. 10.05 Family magazine. 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 "Great Artists" The pianist Vladimir Horowitz 12.05 A Moment of Poetry 12.06 Close Down 2.05-5.00 Songs and tunes 5.05-8.00 Same as second programme.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457, 423, 353 and 346.5 M.

5.05 Songs and Tunes 5.55 Religious Service. 6.05 Exercises. 6.15 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A moment of Hebrew 7.05 "This Morning." 7.25 "Hebrew songs." 7.55 "Green Light." 8.05 Announcements. 8.10 Good Morning 8.55 Names and events in the Headlines 9.05 Good Morning (cont.) 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.40 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer 12.30 "Smile" — songs and sketches. 1.05 "At Midday." 1.25 Hebrew songs 2.05 This is Rivka Michaeli 3.05 Popular songs 3.55 Encore — ed. by S. Rosen 4.05 A moment of Hebrew 4.06 "Hebrew Edition" — Foreign Songs translated into Hebrew 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.35 Hebrew edition (cont.) 5.05 Personal Request. 6.05 Oriental songs. 6.45 Today's Sport. 8.55 Announcements. 9.05 Folk songs. 9.40 Basketball: Maccabee T.A. v France (Live from France). 10.20 Light Music. 10.35 Basketball (cont.). 11.25 "I am yours and you are mine." 12.05 "Old favourites." 1.05-3.00 Songs and tunes.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
455 M.

6.58 Opening 7.00 News 7.25 Song and Melody 8.00 News 8.05 Song and Melody

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
457, 423, 256, 249, 355 and 340.5 M.

7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew 7.15 Georgian 7.30 Yiddish 8.00 Ladino 8.15 Mograbi 8.30 Rumanian 8.45 Russian 9.00 Close Down.

ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES 1.30-2.00 p.m. (4th programme and short waves): 9.55 a.m. (1st programme): 1.30-2.00 p.m. (4th programme and short waves): 5.55 p.m. (1st programme): 8.30-8.45 p.m. (4th programme): 10.00-10.45 p.m. (short waves).

FRENCH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES 7.15 a.m. (4th programme and short waves): 10.55 a.m. (1st programme): 2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme and short waves): 6.50 p.m. (1st programme): 8.45-9.00 p.m. (4th programme): 12.00-1.00 a.m. (short waves).

1st Programme — 256, 522 and 221 M.
4th Programme — 407, 445 and 292 M.
Short Waves — 16, 19, 25, 31, 33, 41 and 49 M.

GALEI ZAHAL

6.05 Early Morning Tunes 6.55 For Soldiers and their Families 7.05 Morning Tunes (cont.) 7.55 Programme Trailer 8.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 8.30 Requests 10.55 Uri Sela's Corner 11.05 Warm and Tasty 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 12.20 Warm and Tasty. 1.30 "It Happened." 1.35 Warm and Tasty 1.55 Announcements to soldiers 2.05 Light entertainment with Mani Peer and Revital Amit. 2.30 Quiz 2.57 Programme Trailer 3.05 Light Entertainment (cont.) 4.05 Please Call. 5.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 5.40 Tunes for everybody 6.06 "The Tales of Yehuda Arazi" 7.05 By Request 9.05 The tales of Poogy (second part) 10.05 Tonight — with Yosef Lapid. 11.45 "Livni's Talk." 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 12.30 "Night birds" — with Uri Lotan and Pnina Bat Zeev 3.05-6.00 Tunes in the Night.

ISRAEL TELEVISION SERVICE

5.30 News 5.32 Circus 5.40 The World of Walt Disney 8.00 Morasha 8.20 Mabat 9.00 Hawaii 5-0 9.50 Documentary 10.20 The match of the week. Basketball: second half. Maccabee T.A. v. France (Live from France) 11.30 News. Arabic: 6.30 News 6.32 Cartoons 6.45 This is your problem 7.30 News. Educational: 7.50 Physics 7. 8.15 Geometry 8. 8.40 Literature 2-5. 9.05 Maths 6. 9.35 Electricity 8. 10.00 Technology 9 .10.20 Geometry 8. 10.45 For Kindergarteners 11.05 Biology 9. 11.35 Science 6. 12.00 Algebra 9. 12.20 Science-physics 7. 1.00 Electricity 10. 1.20 A louer 1.40 film 4.00 English 10. 4.25 Algebra 9. 4.30 film 5.00 Youth Magazine.

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ndex-linked bonds drop

Jerusalem Post Reporter

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ancial circles point out that ntly there is a shift to going nks to buy index-linked bonds to the day of issue, since they ntly pay a bit more than sold on the stock market.

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The Natad dollar remained at IL4.83, with a demand of $3,600 leading to a turnover of $71,000.

The general index fell by 0.91 per cent yesterday to stand at 237.97.

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nt Bank "A"	b	287.5	289.5
l Mizrahi Bank	r	450	455
Hapoalim—10%	b	142	143
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Mehadrin	b	137	139
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Pri Or Ltd.	r	63	62
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Alliance—B	r	475	485
Elco—2.5	b	90	92
Electra—5	r	185	186.5
"Argaman"—8%	b	285	355
"Ata"—C	r	107	110
Dubek	b	333	348
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	176	175
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Business and Finance

Local cement sales perk up visibly

Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

Local cement sales, which dropped heavily after the war, are visibly picking up and may shortly exceed local output.

Last December sales amounted to 110,000 tons — as compared to 180,000 tons in December, 1972. But demand is expected to increase substantially in the next month, when the rains are over and more trucks are available for civilian transport needs. Local cement production is averaging 120-130,000 tons a month.

No cement shortage is expected to develop, however, in view of the ample stocks of cement and of imported clinker, which can be ground easily into ready cement. The grinding facilities of the cement factories have a monthly capacity of about 170,000 tons, not yet entirely being used for local output.

Moreover, the Shimshon plant is due to go into production next May, adding another 50,000 tons of cement a month. The plant was expected to begin production at the end of 1973, but construction was delayed by shortages of labour and trucks.

When Shimshon joins the present Nesher plants, Israel's cement production will exceed two million tons a year and easily cover cement consumption even at the top level it reached in 1972, which was also about two million tons. If local construction does not recover to its pre-war level, part of the cement could be exported — which the producers would like in view of the keen demand and high prices abroad.

In fact, clinker — still being imported by "Nesher" in substantial quantities — is costing (in foreign currency) more than the local price of ground cement, which includes the excise of IL120 per ton (sold at a price of IL221 at the factory's gate). While these imports are currently financed by Nesher, negotiations are going on concerning the compensation the company requires for the losses involved.

Lilienblum hums over devaluation rumour

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Lilienblum Street hummed with activity yesterday with a new stream of buyers appearing, evidently excited by a news item in "Ha'aretz" from Switzerland saying that the Israeli pound would be devalued to IL6 or even IL6.50 to the dollar.

But simultaneously with the brisk demand for dollars, the dollars — more often than not in $100 bills, which have been very scarce lately — began to appear in large numbers. The result was that the "opening bargaining" price hovered about IL5.15.

If large quantities of $100 bills had not appeared, the dealers say, the price of the dollar would have soared to an unprecedented IL5.50, and even more.

They believe that the source of the bills was some of the country's diamond merchants, who, noting that the police have not "visited" Lilienblum in the past two days, decided there was no risk in selling their dollars.

Dollar checks went for IL4.80, with plenty of supply and plenty of demand.

Other prices: DM, IL1.78; Swiss franc, IL1.50; French franc, IL0.90, Dutch florin, IL1.63; sovereigns, IL215; and a kilogram of gold, IL20,700.

The three piece 25th anniversary commemorative set went for IL4,700, but there was little demand; the two-piece set went for IL1,700, and there was a fairly heavy demand.

European envoys off on oil trek

BRUSSELS (UPI). — The great European oil scramble is on. In defiance of pleas by U.S. and Common Market officials for Western unity, European envoys are trekking through the Middle East, seeking to swap arms and money for future oil supplies. The competitive scramble, with each nation out for itself, sets a sombre image for the U.S.-European-Japanese oil conference to be held in Washington on February 11.

French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert headed home from his Middle East journey, apparently with a 20-year deal for 800 million tons of Saudi Arabian oil.

Italian Foreign Minister Aldo Moro is on a trip to Egypt, Kuwait, Iran and Saudi Arabia. Before he left, complying with Arab demands, Moro called for Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territory.

British Chancellor of the Exchequer Anthony Barber nipped over to Switzerland earlier this month to sign a one-year deal with the vacationing Shah of Iran. Other British contacts with Saudi Arabia are in progress.

West Germany, although an apostle of European unity, is dickering with Algeria and Iran for oil and natural gas.

In Denmark, the state-owned company "Danish Natural Gas" changed its name last month to "Danish Oil and Natural Gas." It sent a delegation last Monday to Iraq, Kuwait and the Persian Gulf Emirates.

The scramble has taken its political toll already. The Belgian government collapsed this month when a refinery deal with Iran fell through.

The Washington conference was called by President Nixon to see a united approach by the industrial nations towards the oil problem.

Sir Christopher Soames, the Common Market's External Affairs Commissioner, warned against an "ugly competitive auction of oil" and said that the "only dignified and honourable way will be in unison" His speech was attacked by British Members of Parliament.

France has yet to decide whether to attend the Washington meeting. The other common market nations have said they will attend, despite Arab warnings of "very serious trouble" if the oil-using nations form a common front.

French President Georges Pompidou said France is devoted to the Common Market Farm and Customs Unions, but feels no compulsion to cooperate with its partners on oil buying.

There is no European energy policy yet.

First signs of break in oil embargo

NEW YORK (AP). — First indications of a break in the Arab oil embargo have surfaced, the "Wall Street Journal" reported yesterday.

The "Journal" said it learned that "at least one U.S. oil company has been told it can expect a cargo of Saudi Arabian oil by late February." The company, which was not identified, has a long-term crude oil contract with Saudi Arabia, but has been unable to get delivery of any of the oil since the embargo was imposed last October, the financial daily said.

However, it is understood the company has been notified that Saudi oil is available for shipment to a European port sometime late in February. Presumably, there aren't any strings on what becomes of the oil after it is delivered in Europe, the "Journal" said.

The paper quoted one major U.S. buyer of overseas oil as saying: "Tremendous quantities of oil suddenly have come into the market place; oil we didn't even know existed 10 days ago."

The oil promised for delivery to the U.S. company by Saudi Arabia would come from Petromin, the government company. Some officials of the big U.S.-based internationals operating in Saudi Arabia told the "Journal" they haven't been advised of any changes in the embargo or other restrictions placed on production of the western-owned Arabian-American Oil Co.

Restraints on capital outflow lifted in U.S.

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — President Nixon yesterday lifted restraints on capital outflows in a move which will allow American banks, corporations and individuals a freer hand to lend, borrow and invest money overseas.

The President thus honoured a pledge he made almost a year ago when the dollar was devalued for a second time. He said on that occasion that it was his intention to lift the controls by December 1974.

Several reasons were listed for yesterday's action.

Two of these were the much better U.S. balance of payments performance in the latter half of last year and the renewed strength of the dollar on the world's foreign exchange markets.

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The Jerusalem Post LAW REPORT
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In the Supreme Court sitting as Court of Criminal Appeals

Before Justice Witkon, Cohn and Etzioni.

Margarita Eliasaf, Appellant, v. State of Israel, Respondent (Cr. A. 330/73).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1974

ACCIDENT "CAUSED" ONLY IF THERE IS NEGLIGENCE

The Supreme Court allowed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court delivered on May 3, 1973 (in Cr. A. 137/72).

The appellant was charged in the Magistrate's Court with having caused the death of a pedestrian through negligent driving and with failing to stop and render assistance to the victim, contrary to section 64A (a) and (b) of the Traffic Ordinance (New version). The Magistrate's Court held that the accident had not been caused by the appellant's negligence, but found her guilty of an offence contrary to section 62 (7) of the Traffic Ordinance, in that she had failed to stop when an accident had occurred in consequence of "the presence of her vehicle on the road." She was fined IL750.

The relevant part of section 64A provides that: "The driver of a vehicle who in driving caused an accident and who knew or should have known that in the circumstances of the case a person might have been injured, and (a) who did not stop at the place of the accident in order to ascertain the consequences thereof, is liable to imprisonment for a term of seven years with, or without, a fine... (b) who did not extend to the victim such help as he was able to extend him is liable to imprisonment for a term of nine years, with or without a fine..."

The State appealed against the Magistrate's Court's decision and the District Court overruled it, holding that section 64A could be involved even if the accident were not due to the driver's negligence. The appellant was sentenced by the District Court to three months' imprisonment and a fine of IL1,500 and to suspension of her driving licence for a year. She appealed to the Supreme Court.

Mr. B. Zeiger appeared for the appellant and Mr. U. Sivan for the respondent.

Judgment

Justice Etzioni, who delivered the first opinion of the Supreme Court, noted that the issue before the court was whether the expression "caused an accident" in section 64A entailed the concept of negligence or whether the legislator intended it to refer strictly to the physical element of causation irrespective of whether there had been negligence or not — as the State contended.

The first question to be considered in this context is, he continued, whether this issue has already been considered and determined by the Supreme Court, or whether it is still open, in view of the opinion expressed in Cr.A. 471/68 (2 P.D. 23/729) by Justice Cohn, to the effect that a better human relationship might reduce traffic accidents and that the obligation imposed by law on drivers to forget their own affairs and devote themselves solely to the needs and welfare of persons injured by their driving — whether negligent or not — points markedly to the principle that every driver must give paramount consideration to his fellow-man's right to use the public highways freely and safely..

While he was quite prepared to subscribe to the above sentiments, held Justice Etzioni, he thought that they could not be deemed to decide the issue of whether a driver who was found not guilty of negligence could nevertheless be charged with an offence under section 64A of the Traffic Ordinance, as they were expressed in the course of a case in which this issue was not raised. This, therefore, left the way clear to decide the issue as though it had never been considered before.

Justice Etzioni then went on to hold that in criminal law, as in civil law, the words of a law must be given their ordinary, everyday meaning and that in criminal law in particular the courts may not arrogate to themselves the function of the legislator by stretching the letter of words and concepts beyond their ordinary, simple meaning and manifest intention (see Russell on Crime, 20th. ed. p. 66). In accordance with this rule of interpretation, he continued, the courts must ask themselves what the ordinary, simple meaning of "causing an accident" is, and there was no doubt in his mind that the answer to this question is that mere physical presence is not sufficient to "cause" an accident but that it must be accompanied by the legal concept of "blame," in order to constitute the "cause" of an accident.

Furthermore, continued Justice Etzioni, if he had been in any doubt as to the meaning of "caused an accident," his doubts would have been allayed by the fact that the legislature itself had distinguished between the case where a driver "causes" an accident, within the meaning of section 64A, and the case where the physical presence of the vehicle was one of the factors in the accident, within the meaning of section 62 (7) of the Traffic Ordinance, or where the driver was merely involved in the accident, within the meaning of regulation 144 (a) of the Traffic Regulations. In the first case, he continued, the punishment imposed for failure to stop and give assistance to the victim of the accident is punishable by seven to nine years' imprisonment, without the alternative of a fine, whereas in the second case the punishment is far lighter, and imprisonment is not mandatory — which is indicative of the legislature's extreme disapprobation of a hit and run driver who adds insult to injury by having caused the accident by his own negligence.

In short, concluded Justice Etzioni, the words "caused the accident" in section 64A must be taken to refer to cases where there was negligence on the part of the driver. The appeal should, therefore, be allowed and the Magistrate's Court's verdict and sentence reinstated.

Justice Witkon

Justice Witkon concurred with Justice Etzioni in a separate judgment, noting that in interpreting a law the courts must act on the assumption that the legislature intended to be reasonable. It is only reasonable, he continued, to regard the conduct of a driver, who has caused an accident by his own negligence and has taken no steps to render aid to the victim of his negligence, as much more reprehensible than that of a driver who was fortuitously involved in an accident through no fault of his own but failed to show elementary humanity to the victim of the accident by stopping and rendering him every assistance possible.

It is only reasonable therefore, he held, to conclude that "causing the accident" in section 64A should be given the relevant legal meaning, which demands the existence of negligence, as only such meaning could justify the imposition of so draconic a punishment as mandatory imprisonment — a conclusion which, in his opinion, outweighed any considerations of public welfare which might have moved the District Court to reach its contrary decision.

Justice Cohn

Justice Cohn declared at the outset that he had no sympathy for the appellant and would have thought that she should have accepted with gratitude the comparatively light sentence imposed on her by the District Court.

However, the State had appealed to the District Court on a point of law and had not challenged the sentence imposed by the Magistrate's Court. It was this point of law which was at issue, therefore, and although he thought that even a conviction under section 62(7), instead of under section 64A, could justify the sentence imposed by the District Court on the appellant, he was not at liberty to change the sentence imposed by the Magistrate's Court if he agreed with the interpretation his colleagues had given to section 64A.

Justice Cohn then went on to hold that, *prima facie*, he agreed with the District Court that a driver could cause an accident within the meaning of section 64A even if he were not negligent, since the word "cause" does not necessarily entail the concept of blame. However, in view of the fact that section 64A does not stand alone, but must be read together with section 62(7), (which provides for only two years' imprisonment, or the alternative of a fine, for a driver who fails to stop and render assistance to a person injured in an accident which occurred due to the presence on the road of his vehicle), it must be concluded that the legislature had wished to distinguish between the conduct of a driver who caused the accident and the conduct of a driver involved in an accident through no fault of his own, and that this distinction arises from an element of negligence in the conduct of the former.

He agreed, therefore, held Justice Cohn, that the appeal should be allowed.

Appeal allowed and Magistrate's Court's verdict and sentence reinstated.

Judgment given on December 9, 1973.

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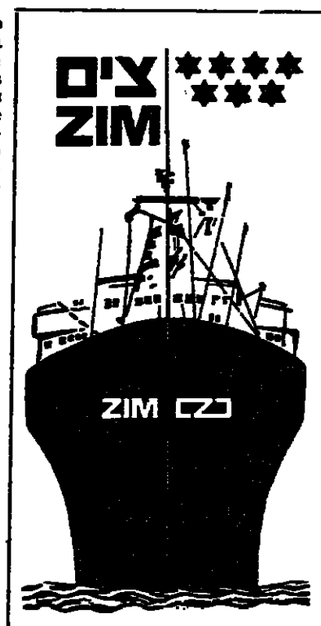

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BUSINESS AS USUAL

THE gap between the public's expectations and the management of our public affairs is well reflected in the current state of the coalition talks.

Where the public shocked by war, a long mobilization, and a quantum jump in the cost of living senses the urgent need for decisive leadership, national cohesion and national reform, the parties appear to be conducting their negotiations under the banner of business as usual.

They have time, they retain their absorbing interest in patronage and portfolios, they are prepared to make the question of Halachic conversion their point of no return, and they toy with thoughts of new elections.

Meanwhile various ministries that should be deep in planning policies to meet our emergency conditions are largely paralysed because they don't know whether they will exist in their present form once a new government is finally established, or whether new ministers and new directors will be named to replace the present incumbents.

It is a fair guess that this pervasive torpor has not passed over those areas of planning connected with security and foreign affairs. An inter-ministerial committee of officials has been at work, for example, in thinking ahead about the future course of the Geneva talks. But in the absence of guidelines about policy which can only come from a new government, such thinking inevitably is in danger of becoming an academic exercise.

At another level, the proposal to establish some kind of national security council, which would bring system, order and coordinated planning into national security policy—now distributed between ministries and brought together only in informal consultations — has itself become entangled in the process of coalition talks. The Independent Liberals and the National Religious Party are primarily interested in entering into the inner sanctum of consultation from which they were previously excluded. While the present participants in the making of policy, and the bureaucratic mechanisms which they head, are reluctant to admit a new player onto the field.

The danger, therefore, is that the new council, if established, will become a kind of ineffectual review body, after the manner of the Knesset Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence, rather than a mechanism linked to the Prime Minister that will bridge the separate ministries and work up options, policy positions and supervise the implementation of policy.

Perhaps now that Mrs. Meir has been officially charged by the President to set up a new Government, the gears of leadership, reform and cohesive administration will be unlocked. That at least is the sign for which the public is waiting.

Dr. SPOCK CRITICIZES CHILD-REARING EXPERTS

'Parents know much more than they think'

By JOYCE EGGINTON

NEW YORK (Ofns). — DR. Benjamin Spock, whose famous book "Baby and Child Care" has sold more than 20,000,000 copies, now urges a return to some of the parental guidelines which prevailed in his boyhood. His mother, with a certitude that her son today envies, believed that she automatically knew what was best for her children by the biological fact of being their mother, and her upbringing of them was governed by discipline and devotion.

In a highly controversial article in the American magazine "Redbook," Dr. Spock, now aged 70, also blames child psychiatrists, psychologists, teachers, social workers and "pediatricians like myself" for persuading parents that the experts know best. As a result, many parents now regard themselves as ignorant and incompetent and therefore lack the confidence to instil discipline. Their children are often "balky, pesky and bratty."

"This is a cruel deprivation that we professionals have imposed on fathers and mothers," he writes in "Redbook." "Of course we did it with the best of intentions, by giving talks and writing articles on child-rearing with the idea that these would be helpful. We didn't realize, until it was too late, how our know-it-all attitude was undermining the self-assurance of parents."

Yet it was to give mothers assurance that Dr. Spock published his baby book in 1946. Since then it has been translated into many languages, including Hebrew. It began with the reassuring sentence: "You know more than you think you do..."

Now he is fearful that the teaching of child specialists may have been taken too literally. He believes that modern parents have been brainwashed into the belief that if they are firm with their children the children will harbour hostilities and fail to love them.

"For the better part of a century," he writes, "we've had a strong focus on child psychology. This has made parents... feel that whatever goes wrong with their child, whether it's as serious as stealing or as minor as nail-biting, means that they have mismanaged the child or failed to provide sufficient security and love."

Now it is the experts' mistakes that are worrying Dr. Spock. He sees parents as so fearful of arousing their children's resentment that they not only fail to correct bad behaviour, but even smile on it as "cute."

He cites the case of a couple, "unusually considerate people themselves," who let their four-year-old daughter interrupt conversations, scowl at visitors and knock over their drinks — all the while beaming on her proudly. "The parents manage not to notice consciously their friends' irritation. They think of themselves as simply wise moderns who understand the importance of not inhibiting spontaneity."

Dr. Spock comments that this type of parental attitude is more common in the U.S. than in any other country, also that young American parents are the ones who have paid the most attention to professionals. In an interview 10 years ago he expressed his belief that most child-rearing problems stemmed from lack of discipline, and told me: "I'm afraid this parental attitude is being exported to England, like Coca-Cola."

In taking the blame along with other child psychologists, Dr. Spock is probably being unjust to himself. He has never advocated permissiveness, only a respect for a child's individuality. Nor has he ever set himself up as an ultimate authority on child rearing — only as a guide. As a child psychologist he is far removed from modernists like the late Dr. Haim Ginott, who urged a constant insight into children's speech and actions that would put a strain on the most considerate of parents.

On the subject of spanking, for instance, Dr. Ginott's book warns that a parental wallop could interfere with the development of a child's conscience, while Dr. Spock's book recognises that if an angry parent refrains from spanking he or she may nag for hours instead.

Dr. Spock readily admits that he is always reviewing his opinions on child rearing, and, over 28 years, has made several important revisions in his baby book. Having insisted in earlier editions that a mother's place, when her children are small, is in the home, he was persuaded by the feminist movement that a father or adequate parent substitute could serve the child's needs as well. He rewrote the text accordingly.

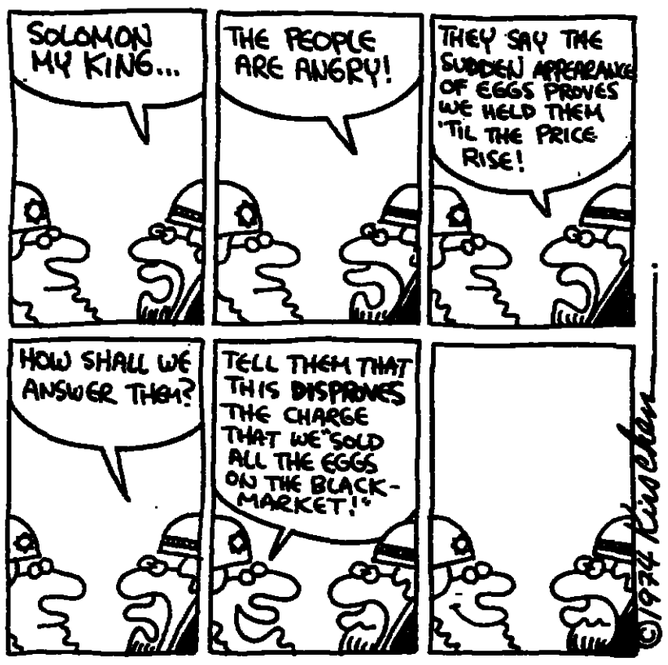
At an age when most men think about retiring he embarked on a new career in the early 1960s as a peace advocate and a radical, deliberately risking imprisonment. He openly advised young men to resist the military draft and, in federal court, challenged the legality of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam war.

His awe of the terrible choices which faced this first-grown generation of Spock babies, and the importance of developing the moral strength to face them, has strongly influenced his current views on the necessity of firmness in child-rearing. In a recent revision to his book he urged upon parents the importance of bringing up children with a sense of direction, a belief in something larger than themselves.

Nowadays he divides his time between writing, speaking at rallies on the need for radical politics and sailing his 35-foot yacht in the Caribbean. He cannot visualize himself ever being fully retired, or ever saying the last word on child rearing. His latest controversial statement is merely another stage in the evolution of what former Vice-President Spiro Agnew mockingly called "Spockmanship." But although it takes the doctor's thinking one stage further, it also comes back to what he said in the beginning. Parents know more than they think they do.

PERMISSIVENESS GONE WRONG: Dr. Spock probably would have warned Alan Wasmuth's parents against giving him a cigarette just because he wanted one, but they thought one smoke would make him sick and cure him for all time. Now this two-year-old South African smokes 10 cigarettes a day to satisfy his craving for tobacco. (UPI)

Dry Bones



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'Mockery' of compensation

Hamodia (Agudat Yisrael), says that the compensation offered by the Government for subsidy cuts and higher prices is a "mockery" and that any such attempt to cure the economy's ills by shock treatment may well prove fatal. The saving of a billion pounds in the budget will be more than outweighed by the anticipated chain reaction of price increases, it concluded.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) criticizes the Government for having decided on a drastic cut in subsidies without taking the Histadrut into its confidence and for having assumed the functions of the trade union in determining the cost-of-living increment to be paid and the compensation for the price increases. The paper says the compensation offered by the Government bears no relation to the price increases and lists urgent steps which it views as imperative: realistic compensation to employees, efficient control of prices, and refraining from increasing transport fares.

Davar (Histadrut) says the debate is over the amount of compensation to be paid, rather than the need to reduce the subsidies in the first place. The Histadrut will support the Government only if it is clear beyond any doubt that the cost-of-living increment will be suitably large.

Hatzofe (National Religious) queries who authorized the Defence Minister to order implementation of the withdrawal of forces in such a manner as to entail desecration of the Sabbath, as the withdrawal does not involve any question of life or death. The general staff orders forbidding such matters as troop movements and training on the Sabbath should apply to withdrawal as well.

Ha'aretz (non-party) says: "The manner in which Knesset member Sharon's utterances were treated by the Attorney-General and the Defence Minister is evasive in nature and liable to harm discipline in the IDF. Particularly surprising is the tolerant attitude displayed by the Attorney-General in recommending to the Chief of Staff to consider whether or not to rebuke Reserve Gen. Sharon. Also surprising is the Cabinet's decision taken at the Chief of Staff's request — to submit to the Agranat Commission General Gonen's complaints against General Sharon, as the examination of such complaints is rightly the task of the Chief of Staff himself. The Agranat Commission is not a dumping ground for any issue which the Cabinet, the Defence Minister or the Chief of Staff wish to evade."

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Independent, irrepressible Georgia produces a 'Soviet Watergate'

Georgian Jewish immigrants have made their mark in Israel. But Israelis know little about this least conforming of all the republics of the USSR. JOHN DOERNBERG describes current conditions in Soviet Georgia whose citizens are proudly nationalistic and still like the good life.

BONN. — IN many ways Soviet Georgia, Josef Stalin's birth-place, is to the U.S.S.R. what Texas is to the United States. Bordered by the Black Sea, the Caucasus, Turkey and Soviet Armenia, Georgia has a 2,500-year history of doing things differently and independently.

A half-century of Communism has changed little. Georgia's 4.7 million inhabitants remain easy-going adherents of tradition, of good living and of the old way of doing things — especially of turning a quick ruble or two, whether legal or not.

Fiercely nationalistic and proud, the way Georgians tell it everything comes at least one size bigger or a few degrees grander in their nominally sovereign republic: the mountains, the rivers, the wine, the tea, the men and the women.

Way up north in Moscow, Soviet officialdom would like to add a few items to that list: embezzlement, bribery, corruption, graft and nepotism.

At any rate, for the past 16 months — ever since Vasily Mzhavanadze, the septuagenarian boss of the Georgian Communist Party, was sacked and replaced by 45-year-old Eduard Shevardnadze, the republic's former police chief and Minister of the Interior — Georgia has been caught up in a scandal that is the object of one of the biggest purges and housecleanings in Soviet history.

The scandal is so big that even boastful Georgians aren't overstating the case when they refer to a "Soviet Watergate."

Officials sacked

Since it all began, more than 45 of the republic's ministers, central committee members and other high-ranking government and Communist party officials have been sacked and face possible prosecution. And now there are hints from Moscow that even Mzhavanadze may face court action, too. The least of the complaints against him is that during his 19-year-long rule Georgia dropped to last place among the U.S.S.R.'s 15 republics in industrial growth and labour productivity.

It is a story of high living, profiteering, illicit "free enterprise" manufacturing, influence peddling, favouritism, and bilking the public that reaches all the way into the Kremlin.

Among the high-level Soviet officials reportedly implicated is Roman A. Rudenko, the U.S.S.R.'s prosecutor-general, who is alleged to have been a personal friend and protector of Otari Lazishvili, a Georgian version of the "godfather" and a key figure in the scandal. Lazishvili is an arch manipulator who built a clandestine financial empire and wielded enormous political power in Georgia. He was convicted of running an illicit manufacturing enterprise and sentenced to 15 years imprisonment in February last year, along with 81 of his associates.

He is a typical product of conditions in the U.S.S.R., where private enterprise is prohibited, and Georgia, where it has continued to flourish despite being illegal. A one-time economics student, he began his career as a truck driver supplying shops with black market goods produced "on the side." He soon became rich.

With his "capital" he created an extensive network of underground factories turning out scarce consumer items such as nylon raincoats and plastic housewares. He acquired two villas with swimming pools, several cars and entertained lavishly.

With money came vast political power. Knowledgeable Soviet sources now living abroad, report that Lazishvili was able to dictate appointments and dismissals not only of republic ministers but even of secretaries of the Georgian Communist party's central committee. He was a frequent guest of Mzhavanadze to whose influential wife he gave expensive presents. That link was one of the reasons for Mzhavanadze's ouster as Georgian party chief in September 1972.

For years Lazishvili also enjoyed the protection of the Soviet Union's chief prosecutor, Rudenko, whose help he had gone to seek and in whose Moscow office he was arrested more than a year ago.

Moscow protection

In the early 1960s, according to the same sources, Lazishvili was also a close friend of Eduard Shevardnadze, Mzhavanadze's successor as Georgian party chief. But the two fell out, became bitter enemies and launched personal vendettas against each other. Shevardnadze, a puritan law-and-order man, set out to "get" Lazishvili. And Lazishvili allegedly once said: "As long as I am around here, Shevardnadze will not get very far." But Shevardnadze, a one-time Komsomol functionary, apparently had better and more powerful friends in Moscow than either Lazishvili or Mzhavanadze.

Mzhavanadze's ouster was followed a few months later by Lazishvili's trial and the purge now sweeping Georgia began.

The clean up has uncovered a number of complex cases with millions of rubles at stake.

One involves the construction of plush *dachas* with black market labour and building materials for high ranking party and government officials near and around Tbilisi, the capital of Soviet Georgia. The most sumptuous of these is a $500,000 mansion replete with marble bathrooms, fancy panelling, traditional Georgian wrought iron work and expensive furnishings. It was built for the use of top executives of the Georgian Cooperative Repair and Construction Trust.

Another case concerns illegal construction and assignment of large luxury apartments to top officials of Georgia's Ministry of Trade. The minister and vice-minister were dismissed and face prosecution.

One of the smallest scandals is that of a bakery trust whose executives trimmed an ounce or two of dough off each loaf, using it to bake additional bread that was then sold at a personal profit.

The biggest, financially, may turn out to be a ring of Georgian "textile entrepreneurs" operating as far afield as Latvia and Lithuania. With material stolen from state factories which they funnelled to underground plants in Georgia, they are alleged to have bilked the Soviet government of millions of rubles.

To suppress such activities Shevardnadze has launched an austerity drive that is much to Moscow's liking and fits closely to recent Kremlin calls for tighter discipline in the economy. Under his rule even Georgia's once ubiquitous itinerant pedlars can no longer fly to Moscow and Leningrad in winter with suitcases full of fruit and flowers which they sold for handsome profits.

Predictably, his efforts have met with stiff resistance. Last summer, according to reliable reports, there were demonstrations in Tbilisi against which the military was called out. There have also been two alleged attempts on Shevardnadze's life, several bomb explosions and cases of arson.

Militantly nationalist Georgians tend to see in Shevardnadze's campaign an attempt by Moscow to "russify" their republic and they view him as a Kremlin agent.

That his efforts have been only moderately successful was disclosed obliquely at the most recent meeting of the Georgian Central Committee which complained that "there are still cases of bribery, cheating and abuses of power... Remnants of capitalism exist and tendencies toward private ownership have been restored... "Things cannot go on this way."

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Readers' letters

Grateful war widow

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The past three months have been excruciatingly difficult and the devastation they have brought in their wake is irreparable. In the midst of it are the mourning families of the fallen who have been left to elbow their way from office to office, from clerk to clerk, from form to form.

Let me not be misunderstood — the sympathy is there and the help eventually forthcoming, but the stunned widow who suddenly has no one to lean on, no one to cry to, finds her morale begin to ebb and her ability to persevere through the red tape begin to wane.

Even today, three months after the fact, I find it painful to face the naked and chilling reality that I stand alone, must fend for myself and my children alone, must find a new niche, a new way of life alone, based on the three of us who are left of the four which made up our family.

To say that it is possible to fill the void, or dull the pain of losing my husband in the Yom Kippur War would be an exaggeration, if not an outright lie. But I did find a way of cushioning the blows that come later; the running, the doing, the filling-in, the signing.

It was my fortune, upon entering yet another office, to fall into the hands of Lt.-Colonel Haim Rothstein, head of the department dealing with military pensions at the Kirya in Tel Aviv. In the two months that I have known him he has proven to be the epitome of strength, confidence, honesty and solidity. He has done everything in his power to ease the pressures of starting again, reorganizing my life, answering the myriad of questions. I have had knowledgeably and ingenuously, and taking upon himself the physical work involved in clarifying my new status. He works long hours tirelessly and with dedication and is available practically day and night.

I can only be thankful that I have had the honour of knowing this man and humble in the face of the help he has rendered me. I write this letter in the hope that other widows of our most recent scourge can learn that there is someone to turn to, to lean on, in the time of our most urgent need, someone who can relieve to a degree the overwhelming chain of events that has befallen us.

BEVERLY BEIM

Kiryat Ono, January 18.

THE LILLEHAMMER TRIAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I have read that you Israeli dislike the whole Lillehammer trial, and I can assure you that I agree with you. A lot of ordinary Norwegians also consider the trial as a mistake on the part of the authorities. It think it would have been fairer to send the Israeli agents back to their country and eventually punish them there for their lack of discretion.

Many of us Norwegians consider the Israeli prisoners more as heroes than criminals.

JAN AVIS

Drammen, Norway, January 13

JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY

DRAINAGE WORK ON SDEROT HERZL

The City Engineer's Office is conducting drainage work on Sderot Herzl, as an extension of the local drainage system.

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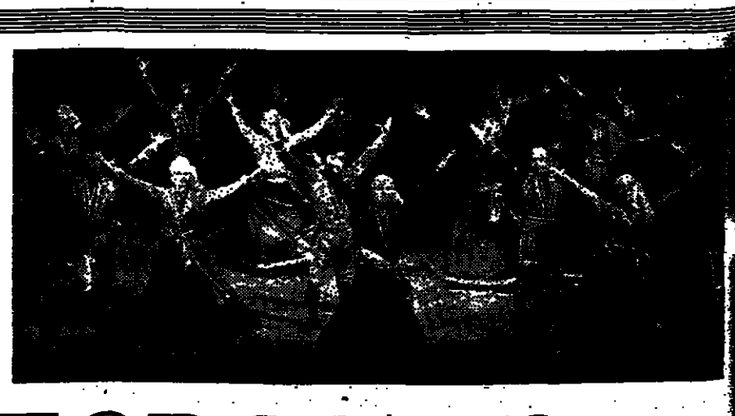

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